

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA (100-26603)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT # 2  
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DATE: 9/23/53

On 9/7/53, [ ] furnished SA RICHARD H. BLASSER with a copy of "Party Voice," Volume 1, Number 5, dated August, 1953. On page 14 appears the statement that "Party Voice" as a "regular ideological and organizational bulletin of the New York State Communist Party."

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1 - 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)  
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A supplement to this issue of "Party Voice" is devoted to an article "Party Building and Industrial Concentration" by LEE AMISTAD. This article is said to be based on a report made to a recent conference of the New York State Communist Party and is to be studied and discussed by all members, clubs and committees.

A photostatic copy of this issue has been furnished the Bureau.

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EXCERPT FROM  
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(I) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP - INTERNAL SECURITY - C -  
BUFILE 100-3-68 -- Reference is made to SAC Letter Number 53-20,  
Part T, wherein all field offices were instructed on how to re-  
port Communist Party membership information. That SAC Letter also  
instructed "Obviously the best source for membership information  
is Party records or Party sources. You must, therefore, continue  
to devote your personal attention to the development of security  
informants or sources of information who are in a position to ob-  
tain such data from Party records or Party sources."

A New York informant has advised that at a recent meeting  
it was stated the dues control period will end on October 6, 1953,  
and that the annual Communist Party registration will start after  
the end of the dues control period. The informant further learned  
that this annual registration will end on January 15, 1954, and will  
not be extended under any circumstances beyond that date.

During this annual registration drive, membership infor-  
mation should be available through the actual Party records or  
through coverage of the individuals conducting the registration  
drive in the various areas. Each office should alert its security  
informants and take whatever other steps are deemed necessary to  
obtain accurate up-to-the-minute membership information, parti-  
cularly the final figures of the annual registration drive.

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(Boulevard Section)

Attached hereto is a copy of a report of [redacted]  
dated 9/17/53, which was furnished to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY on  
9/25/53.

Informant, in this report, discusses being contacted  
by the FBI; the new recruiting drive of the CP; and a new  
3-month plan of obtaining renewals of D.C. subscriptions.

The original report is filed as serial [redacted] of [redacted]

The contents of this report should not be disseminated  
outside the Bureau without being paraphrased to protect the  
informant's identity.

1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-81368 (EUGENE SCHEIN)  
1 - 100-62378 (ESTHER MOSES)  
1 - 100-new (JACK [redacted])  
1 - 100-112376 (MELBA SIKKIN)  
1 - 100-50806 (GEOFFREY BLANK)  
1 - 100-79117 (CP, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
1 - 100-106843 (PAUL IMMIGRANT)  
1 - 100-81336 (CP, SECURITY MEASURES)  
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## Report

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On [redacted] I attended a Board-  
ward Section Committee meeting, at [redacted]  
[redacted] The following people were present:

Before going to the meeting [redacted] said in a

When I say now I related the incident as it happened

\_\_\_\_\_ and they in turn walked  
away.

When they said they were special agents they showed me their identification card.

[redacted] about this incident and I said no, she thought it was that I did not tell her so as not to stress her.

[redacted] did not say much but that this experience followed the same pattern as in other cases and was very pleased that I and acted in the manner which I did.

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[redacted] then told me that we were having a meeting at [redacted] house tonight and it would start a little late because people were out getting petitions for [redacted]

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In this respect [redacted] asked me if I would have time to go out for [redacted] to [redacted] and help out during this petition campaign, also to contact my people to do the same.

[redacted]

[redacted]

The section is losing some of our leading people and we have to contact others to take their places.

[redacted] who now lives [redacted] is going to move in about three weeks to the [redacted] low rent housing project located at [redacted]

[redacted] came up and seemed upset about something and also asked [redacted] if she was coming down because [redacted] is waiting, we went down and began our meeting. the discussion centered around the FBI and [redacted]

[redacted]

This was a heck [redacted] was so upset, by the way this [redacted]

The discussion on these FBI investigations continued [redacted]

I did and [ ] said sooner or later we will all be visited and [ ] agreed, and then we again were cautioned against saying anything or leading them on whether in the street or on the phone or place of business, no matter where you have nothing to say and report it promptly to [ ] who will in turn relay it to the next higher up.

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After this discussion [ ] outlined a three month plan which is to go into effect immediately, the plan was as follows: we must try and recruit people into the Party, friends, shopmates, progressives, contacts in different organizations, etc. These people must be known thoroughly by us, their background, etc.

The need for a recruiting drive is very urgent, because it has been years since we had one, and since that time Party members have dropped out, some were coerced out, others have been harassed to a point where they faced loss of job, deportation, scandal, etc. In other words our forces are depleted to a point that a recruiting drive is very much needed. The quota for this section is three people.

The question was raised as to the security risk involved but after our discussion we admitted that we were taking a chance of recruiting steel pigeons but we would watch very closely each person coming in.

[ ] spoke on dues and urged all to pay their dues because this is the fundamental factor of our Party, the new rates are to be placed into effect going back to July 1, 1953 and everyone must be centralized in October.

The next point in this three month plan is the renewal cards as of now they are going to be placed in the hands of a competent person and an entirely different system is to be worked out where each person is visited and accounted for, in previous years the renewals were either lost or the people not visited and many subs were wasted through this system.

The next point was the Election campaign, the main task now is to defeat the IMPERIALIST-PRO-PAKISTAN Coalition, and the chances look very good that the people will rally and defeat these forces.

[redacted] came in about 9:30 and joined the discussion.

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The ball at Randall Island Stadium in honor of the [redacted] will be held this Wednesday, September 16, and [redacted] had tickets for this affair.

[redacted] about the [redacted] petition campaign, and workers are urgently at 1575 Third Ave., at 103rd St. to go out and gather over 7,000 petitions, although only 25,000 are needed but the rest are to protect the party candidate if some of the names are defamed or marked wrong.

This fellow [redacted] is a young fellow about 6 ft., weight about 196 lbs., eyes are crossed slightly, wears a [redacted] glasses and it seems that his [redacted]  
[redacted]

The fund drive is still on and those people who did not reach their quota to do so as soon as possible.

Another Section Committee meeting will be held in two weeks.

[redacted] asked if the meeting for next Tuesday of the Freedom Club was on by me. I told her that I had a union meeting and could not make it.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10-19-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/1-10/15/53	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD  
July 1, 1953 through September 30, 1953

Report prepared for delivery to CP conference during pertinent period urges that party bring its position before people, and combine effective leadership in mass work with security for Party organization. To accomplish this, objective a "Big Shift" to basic industry must be made. NY district is hailed as model for its success in colonization of basic industry. ROBERT G. THOMPSON, NYS CP Chairman, and SIDNEY STEINBERG, Assistant National Labor Secretary, apprehended at Twain Harte, California, on 8/27/53. CP attacks NY Board of Regents finding CP to be subversive under Feinberg Law and pledges court appeal. LILLIAN GATES reported to be NYS CP Organizational Secretary, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, District Organizer, and DON LESTER, Trade Union Director. Membership in District 2 estimated at 12,000 with 11,642 in NY division. Recruiting on selective basis plan, especially in ranks of progressive organizations, with chances to be taken against "stoolpigeons." Annual registration to take place 10/6/53 to 1/15/54. New schedule of increased dues made effective as of 7/1/53. NYS Review Commission has issued, "Explanation of the Constitution of the CP, USA on Disciplinary Procedure," in which stress is laid on vigilance and discipline. Counter-surveillance techniques, use of code names in letters and telegrams and use of

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pre-arranged aliases in phone conversations are being emphasized. Smith Act arrests have compelled sections of CP leadership to go into underground activity; that activity being justified as Marxist-Leninist teaching. CP making efforts to determine how underground leaders have been traced and arrested. Factionalist dispute has arisen in NYC over policy of CP followed by SIMON W. GERSON for the withdrawal of CP support of ALP, many persons regarding ALP as still useful. American Peace Crusade rally on 8/12/53 celebrated Korean truce, calling for widest policy of negotiations for peace with current "job" of APC described as the mobilization of American people for peace. "DW" claims "sanity" in UN prevailed in upholding appeal of Secretariat employees dismissed as security risks. "Worker" calls for "people's pressure" on UN to influence struggle for peace and democracy. "Final Text" of CP resolution sets out tactical line of united front political program. GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY urges support of ALP candidates, and he is candidate for NY Co. District Attorney on People's Rights Party ticket. CP members reportedly instructed to join the Democratic Party. NY Board of Regents' decision declaring CP subversive under Feinberg Law denounced, Government action to revoke naturalization of Mrs. SIMON W. GERSON described as "vindictive move." Limited local distribution of gamma-globulin blamed on government policies. NY subway fare rise described as "fare swindle." "Party Voice" of August, 1953 criticized NYS leadership for shop club work, and NYC counties for uneven development of industrial concentration; article states concentration program is only in "first gear." CP has sought election of its members as delegates to NMU convention in October, and is backing new ILA (AFL), hoping to gain in ensuing confusion. American Veterans For Peace protests Army discharge of PAUL SCHNUR, a POW, as other than honorable, claiming he sought only peace. "DW" hails nomination of Negroes by all parties for Manhattan Borough President as assuring victory for all people. "Party Voice" of September, 1953 states special problem of CP is to help LYL build in shops and youth issue is "life and death question of the labor movement." National convention of LYL to be held in NY

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12/19/53 to 12/21/53. NY office of American Women For Peace now closed, with office removed to Chicago. Pamphlet "EISENHOWER'S Farm Prices" issued to advance "progressive farm program" based on peace, China trade, and price support. "DW" writer suggests revival of "democratic and humanistic" films of 1930's and 1940's, which cannot be seen today. Cultural concentration group of CP said to be now defunct. "Morning Freiheit" raised all but \$1,000 of \$175,00 fund drive as of 7/7/53, and plans for fight against deportation of editor, PAUL NOVICK. "DW" sees indications ministers are fighting against "Mc Carthyite attack" on churches, and expresses hope their congregations will support them. Circulation and distribution of party literature considered of prime importance in NYS. Sub drive of "DW" and "Worker" achieved 13,387 and 3,169, respectively, as of 8/11/53, goals having been set at 19,000 and 3,000 on 1/15/53. "Year-end" fund drive begun instead on 9/6/53 for \$60,000.

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DETAILS: This is a joint report covering the pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, District 2, (referred to herein as CP, USA, District 2) during the quarterly period July 1, 1953 to September 30, 1953, prepared by the following Special Agents:

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following is a list of organizations and publications referred to in this report, together with a characterization of each.

These documentations will not be repeated elsewhere in the report.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY (ALP)

T-3 advised on October 18, 1950 that without question the dynamic force in the ALP is the Communist Party and at that time, it was regarded as the political obligation of every CP member in New York City to enroll in the ALP.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", United States House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, April 1, 1951, page 29, cited this organization as an "organic part of the Communist peace offensive."

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE (AVP)

A Communist front veterans organization, according to Confidential Informant T-10.

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE

T-10, of known reliability, advised on March 2, 1951 that this organization is strongly influenced and infiltrated by its members who are members of the Communist Party.

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"CHINA DAILY NEWS"

The "China Daily News" is a pro-Communist Chinese language daily newspaper published in New York City, according to T-43.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE FOR SOLDIERS OF REGIMENT 65 (Also Known As Committee for the Defense of Soldiers of Regiment 65)

JOSE RAMON GIBOYEUX, who is president and a director of this committee, has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by T-50, on June 9, 1951.

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The Council On African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

THE COUNCIL OF GREEK AMERICANS

The Council of Greek Americans has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY PEOPLES WORLD"

A West Coast daily Communist newspaper.

"DAILY WORKER"

An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

FURRIERS JOINT COUNCIL

This council represents several locals of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, whose president

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is BEN GOLD. The manager of the FJC has been IRVING POTASH who was convicted in October, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. BEN GOLD, according to the "Daily Worker", August 28, 1950, page 2, column 3, resigned from the Communist Party after nearly thirty years membership.

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEWISH MUSIC VERBAND

The Jewish Music Verband or Alliance, according to T-25, is a progressive cultural organization interested in building a Jewish progressive culture on the line of Marxism-Leninism.

JEWISH PEOPLE'S FRATERNAL ORDER

This organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEWISH PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS

T-48 advised that the school system of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, known also as the Jewish Progressive School, was at one time known as the National School and Culture Commission of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order - International Workers Order.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE (LYL)

Cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"L'UNITA DEL POPOLO"

"L'Unita Del Popolo", according to T-43, was, and

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continues to be, a Communist newspaper. The activities and operations of the paper were discussed at numerous meetings of Communist Party officials at Communist Party Headquarters in New York City.

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

Cited by T-3 as being the cultural monthly magazine of the Communist Party.

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION (MFSA)

While not an official agency of the Methodist Church, the MFSA has clearly followed the Communist Party line for years, according to Confidential Informant T-56.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Morning Freiheit" was described by the "Daily Worker" for December 9, 1946, page 7, column 1, in an editorial, as the Jewish language Communist paper.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

Cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report number 1953, dated April 19, 1949.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL

According to T-3, a Communist dominated and inspired organization which does not deviate from the CP line.

NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA, INC.

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NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS

Considered by T-3 to be the pamphlet publishing house of the Communist Party.

"NEW CHALLENGE"

Official monthly publication of the Labor Youth League, according to T-53.

"PARTY VOICE"

A monthly pamphlet published by the New York State Communist Party, the first issue being dated March, 1953. Its stated purpose is to serve the membership and leadership as a medium for the expression of opinion and interchange of experience, and as a live Party organizer and educator.

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case of "ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since its beginning in 1945.

THE UNITED COMMITTEE OF JEWISH SOCIETIES AND LANDSMANSHAFT FEDERATIONS

This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"THE WORKER"

The Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described hereinbefore.

WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN

T-7, of known reliability, advised in May, 1951

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that this organization is an instrument of Soviet Foreign policy.

THE YIDDISHER KULTUR FARBAND

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YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

Confidential Informant T-3, advised that while the Young Progressives of America is not a Communist dominated organization, it receives support from the Communist Party and consists of both Communist and non-Communist youths.



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RE: MEMBERSHIP  
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Membership of District Number 2

The current estimated membership of the Communist Party in District Number 2, which comprises New York State, is 12,000.

The current estimated membership in the area of New York State covered by the New York Division is 11,642.

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T-27 has advised that early in August at a Communist Party meeting held outside of New York City there was discussion of a Communist Party recruiting and building program. It was stated at the meeting that the Party wants each member to select two persons for interview as possible recruits. Union members were to follow this program by concentrating on their fellow union members. It was suggested that a potential recruit be observed for a period and if the results of the observation warranted, the Party member checking the recruit should make available to that person copies of the "Daily Worker" in such a way that it might be perused by the possible recruit. If the individual to whom the "Daily Worker" has been made available displays a receptive attitude, he should then be approached with the idea of recruiting him as a Party member.

T-26 has advised that the Communist Party sometime in August, 1953 prepared a memorandum addressed "To all Districts" on the subject of dues and registration. This memorandum pointed out that the last registration of members disclosed that a number of districts had registered as Party members those who had not been

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previously registered within the past few years, and those districts now have a larger membership than at the time they entered the registration period.

T-14 has reported that a meeting was held in mid September of a community section of the Communist Party in New York City. One of the section officials informed those in attendance that the Communist Party has been losing a considerable number of people because of their fear of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for other reasons, and that the Party was losing in numbers. The section official went on to say that the Communist Party therefore had decided to resume recruiting of new members, planning to do so on a very careful and selective basis. It was decided that the chance would have to be taken that some of the recruits might be "stool pigeons". According to this source, the Party feels that the most likely sphere for the recruitment of members lies in the ranks of members of progressive organizations.

T-13 has reported that at a meeting of a county organization in New York City, which was held in the early part of September, the statement was made that the current dues control period would end on October 6, 1953 and the annual registration of Party members would then begin. This registration would continue until January 15, 1954 and will not be extended beyond that date under any circumstances.

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RE: MEMBERSHIP  
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The membership of the CP, USA, District Number 2, which embraces all of New York State, has been estimated at twelve thousand, with the membership of that portion of the District covered by the New York Division being estimated at 11,642. The difference is represented by the Communist Party membership within the Albany Division, estimated at 196 according to Albany letters to New York dated October 1, 7, and 12, 1953, and the Communist Party membership within the Buffalo Division, estimated at 162, according to Buffalo letter to New York dated September 29, 1953.

T-28 had advised that on August 10, 1953 he had learned that BILL LAWRENCE, Cultural Director of the CP, USA had stated to another person that "The National Communist Party dues paying membership" is "slightly under ten thousand". It was said of LAWRENCE, according to the information made available by T-28, that LAWRENCE is in a position to know membership statistics "since he is directly involved with the National Communist Party office".

T-21 has reported that he had learned through NAT ROSS, the former Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, who is Labor Secretary of the New York State Communist Party and District Organizer, said that the question, "Have you ever been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation?" had been added to the 1953 Registration Questionnaire and forty percent of those in New York City had answered in the affirmative.

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T-32 has reported that a Communist Party meeting was held on September 18, 1953 within the territory of the Albany Field Division and it was stated that the Party is to begin a membership drive and further that the State of New York was being assigned a quota of six hundred new members, with the Albany area having a quota of sixty from the group. The informant noted that he believed the area referred to also included the Schenectady-Troy area, but that it was possible the area also included Syracuse, Utica and Binghamton.

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Bureau letter to New York dated August 26, 1953 advised that the total membership of the Communist Party, USA, according to the most recent estimate is 23,931. The membership outside of District Number 2 is 11,931.

T-21, T-28, T-29, T-30, T-31, and T-33 are unable to provide any additional or more recent information on the membership strength of the CP, USA in District Number 2 than that information attributed to them in rerep. In the light of information previously obtained from them, as well as the other information set out above and in rerep, the estimate of 12,000 members for CP, USA District Number 2 has been reached.

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T-1 [redacted]	Negro Labor Council Meeting, 6/20/53	7/20/53	Cleveland Office b7D
T-2 [redacted]	Draft of report believed given to a National Conference of CP, USA	8/14/53	San Francisco Office
	Underground operations - National Conference, CP, USA	8/14/53	San Francisco Office
T-3 [redacted]	Documentation of N.N.L.C.; New Century Publishers, "Masses and Mainstream" and American Labor Party characterization of HOWARD FAST and HERB TANK	10/13/52	ARBOR W. GRAY
T-4 [redacted]	Second Convention of Greater NY Negro Labor Council	9/24/43	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	NNLC News Release	9/24/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	"The Freedom Train" Bulletin	9/24/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
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Documentation of  
"World Congress of  
Women"

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DORTHY HAYES

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Documentation of  
American Women for  
Peace

Documentation of American  
Veterans for Peace

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Information regarding  
United Nations

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T-13 [redacted]	Underground operations - Arrests	8/19/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	CP Dues Payment Schedules	8/10/53 8/28/53 9/17/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Security Measures - Hideouts	8/19/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Information on dues control and yearly registration of CP members	9/16/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	8/10/53, Phelps Dodge concentration plant in Queens	8/13/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	White collar workers to go into industry	9/17/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	CP to determine strength in unions	8/12/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Information concerning the "Spanish American Defense Committee"	7/11/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	CP members must join Democratic Party	8/12/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER

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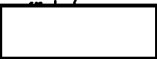
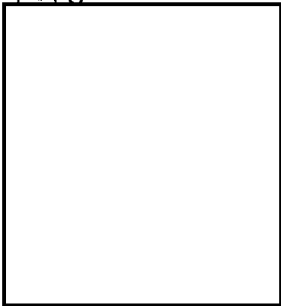
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	CHARNEY support of ALP	9/8/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	CP secures signatures for CHARNEY petitions	9/25/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Security Measures - CP Vigilance; use of telephones	8/13/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Meeting held 9/2/53	9/8/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Recruiting program of CP	9/17/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	ISIDORE BEGUN on Industrial concentration	6/15/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Three month subscription plan for "Daily Worker"	9/17/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-15 [redacted]	Made available bank statements and cancelled checks for the account of the NY State CP	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK

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T-17 	Information concerning the bank account of the NY County CP	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK	
T-18 	Extent of CP activity at 268 7th Ave., NYC	10/1/53	EVERETT K. DEANE	
T-19 NY-693-S*	Information regarding CP personnel	7/1/53 to 9/30/53		
	Security Measures- Disposal of Rubbish; locks provided for windows at CP headquarters	7/1/53 to 9/30/53		

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	Information on current membership of CP, USA - District #2	10/1/53	
	Factionalist dispute in NY State political situation	8/19/53	
	Underground Operations - aliases	9/10/53	
	Underground Operations - Operation of Difficulties	9/10/53	
	New positions of LILLIAN GATES, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and DON LESTER	9/10/53	
	Information concerning CONSURLO BURGOS	7/29/53	
	CP farm conference postponed	7/1/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
	Meeting of National Farm Commission held in September	9/10/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
	CP quarrel with VITO MARCANTONIO	8/19/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER

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Security Measures -  
change of residence;  
use of code names;  
methods of arranging  
underground meetings  
with Party functionaries

9/9/53

DAVID P.  
HURLEY

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Underground Operations - 10/6/53  
Arrests

DAVID P.  
HURLEY

Underground Operations - 8/17/53  
Modus Operandi

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Underground Operations - 7/15,30;  
Use of Aliases 9/15/53

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Underground Operations - 7/15;9/14/53  
Couriers

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Underground Operations - 6/26/53  
Operational Difficulties

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Security Measures -  
use of autos

8/28/53

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Underground Operations - 8/24-28/53  
Modus Operandi

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T-25 [redacted]	CP secures signatures for CHARNEY petitions	9/30/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Security Measures - Miscellaneous	8/5/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Meeting JPFO, 7/2/53	7/13/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	"Truce Celebration", 8/12/53	8/18/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Results of 1953 "Morning Freiheit" fund drive	7/11/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Information concerning Writers Club, Yiddisher Kultur Farband	7/30/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	PAUL NOVICK Defense Committee	8/31/53	RICHARD H. BLASSER

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	Dissolution of the United Committee of Jewish Societies & Landsmanshaft Federations	9/29/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Used for documentation of the Jewish Music Verband		
T-26 Search incidental to arrest of [REDACTED]	Memorandum: "To All Districts" concerning dues and registration	8/27/53	San Francisco Office
	Memorandum on the role of the Review Commission and matters relating to disciplinary action and procedure	8/27/53	San Francisco Office

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T-28 NY 694-S	Information on current membership of CP, USA, - District #2	10/3/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
	Underground Operations-Arrests	8/12/53	ROBERT C. BURNS
	Underground Operations-Modus Operandi	7/2/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
T-29 [redacted]	Information on current membership of CP, USA-District #2	10/2/53	JOHN W. DOOLEY
T-30 [redacted]	Information on current membership of CP, USA-District #2	10/1/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
T-31 [redacted]	Information on current membership of CP, USA-District #2	9/10/53	
	Schism between GERSON and MARCANTONIO	7/6/53	

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Members in  
Industrial Concentra-  
tion not members of  
any community club

6/5/53

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Cultural activities  
of CP

6/5/53  
9/30/53

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Information on  
membership quota  
for CP, USA-  
District #2

9/21/53

Albany Office

Security Measures-  
Membership Drive

9/21/53

Albany Office

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Information on current  
membership of CP, USA-  
District #2

10/6/53

CARL N. FREYMAN

CP split with ALP and  
N.Y. elections

7/23/53

CARL N. FREYMAN

July '53 "Political  
Affairs" article  
indicated CP was aware  
of danger of United  
Front Policy in Unions

7/17/53

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	Underground Operations-9/18/53 Operational Difficulties		CARL N. FREYMAN
T-34 [redacted]	Screened seamen to be placed in industry	8/19/53	CHARLES M. FLEURY
	CP program for NMU convention	8/12/53	Baltimore Office
	Negro caucus at NMU convention abandoned	9/1/53	CHARLES M. FLEURY (written)
T-35 [redacted]	CP program in longshore industry	9/23/53	Philadelphia Office
T-36 [redacted]	Meeting, Central Plaza, NYC, 8/18/53	8/31/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS
T-37 [redacted]	Statement of Stockholders of Publishers New Press, Inc. 9/29/53	10/1/53	EDWARD G. BURKE

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T-39 [REDACTED]	Underground Operations-8/11/53 Operational Difficulties		LIONEL D. BELANGER	
T-40 [REDACTED] Panel Source	Info Re Cultural Congress in Chile	8/6/53	WILFRED H. SCHLARMAN	
T-41 [REDACTED]	Characterization of WALTER LOWENFELS			
	"Vets Voice," July-August issue	8/11/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY	
T-42 [REDACTED]	Characterization of BETTY SANDERS			
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T-45 [redacted] Plaza, NYC	Contribution drive of the "China Daily News"	7/21, 9/1/53	ROLAND G. KEARNS
T-46 [redacted]	Visit to Camp Midvale, N.J., Labor Day week-end	9/17/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-47 [redacted]	Information concerning Camp Midvale, N.J. local A of Nature Friends of America, Inc.	9/21/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-48 [redacted] State Insurance Commission	Used for documentation of Jewish Progressive Schools		

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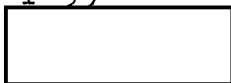
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T-51 [redacted]	Special Issue "Vet's Voice", July, 1953	8/17/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY	
	Leaflet from American Veterans for Peace	9/8/53	EVERETT K. DEANE	
T-52 [redacted]	CP instructions call for infiltration of religious groups	5/12/53	FRANCIS V. GARDNER	
T-53 [redacted]	Info re Labor Youth League	8/7/53 8/11/53 9/4/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS	
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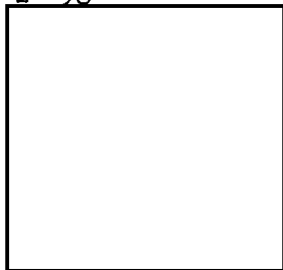
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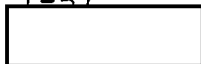
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Used for documentation  
of Methodist Federation  
for Social Action(Anonymity  
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CP obtains petition  
signatures for  
CHARNNEY

9/29/51

JOHN W. DOOLEY

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Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA, District 2, for the quarterly period October 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

REFERENCE Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, New York,  
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Report prepared for delivery to CP conference during pertinent period urges that party bring its position before people, and combine effective leadership in mass work with security for Party organization. To accomplish this objective a "Big Shift" to basic industry must be made. ROBERT G. THOMPSON, NYS CP Chairman, and SIDNEY STEINBERG, Assistant National Labor Secretary, apprehended 8/27/53 at Twain Harte, California. National Committee declared on 7/28/53 that Korean truce was victory for world peace forces and has opened prospect of broad united front movement. CP urging each member to consider two persons for interview as possible recruits with "DW" used for opening interview. Recruiting on selective basis planned, especially in ranks of progressive organizations, with chances to be taken against "stoolpigeons." Annual registration to take place 10/6/53 to 1/15/54. All CP districts have been urged to collect dues with greater regularity and annual assessment of one month's dues has been levied as of September. New schedule of increased dues made effective as of 7/1/53. NY State Review Commission has issued "Explanation of the Constitution of the CP, USA On Disciplinary Procedure," in which stress is laid on vigilance and discipline. Counter-surveillance techniques, use of code names in letters and telegrams and use of pre-arranged aliases in phone conversations are examples of security measures being emphasized. Smith Act arrests have compelled main sections of CP leadership to go into underground

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activity, that activity being justified as Marxist-Leninist teaching. CP making efforts to determine how underground leaders have been traced and arrested. PETTIS PERRY reported to be object of animosity in CP over white chauvinism issue with PERRY regarded as "phoney" and "opportunist." Present position of CP is that threat of anti-Soviet war has been lessened and new Soviet peace initiatives have weakened the anti-Soviet alliance. Peace is central issue, all other issues to be integrated in struggle for peace. "DW" claims "sanity" in UN prevailed in upholding appeal of Secretariat employees dismissed as security risks. "The Worker" calls for "people's pressure" on UN to influence struggle for peace and democracy. CP critical of US' attitude toward Puerto Rico and Cuba, charging Wall St. is behind BATISTA in his tyrannical control of Cuba. "Final Text" of CP resolution sets out tactical line of united front political program. Campaign for repeal of Walter-Mc Carran, Smith, and Taft-Hartley Acts continued. Latest arrests for Smith Act violation denounced. Amnesty campaign for persons prosecuted under Smith Act continues. Recent Chicago fire tragedy laid to lack of low-cost housing program. Administration assailed, tactics of Congressional committees attacked, and broad fight against Senator MC CARTHY urged. "Political Affairs", July 1953, states understanding is needed of importance of party shop organizations. National conference report declares CP must guide labor movement to leadership in fight for peace. CP has sought election of its members as delegates to October NMU convention, and is backing new ILA (AFL) hoping to gain in ensuing confusion. Handbook for steel workers being prepared, promoting idea of Communist participation in organizing that industry. American Veterans For Peace protests Army discharge of PAUL SCHNUR, a POW, as other than honorable, claiming he sought only peace. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in July 1953 "Political Affairs" declares that while white chauvinism must be fought, Negro bourgeois nationalism is also a divisive force in class struggle and must be combated to achieve CP objectives. Convention

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of National Negro Labor Council to be held 10/30 to 11/1/53 at Chicago. "Party Voice" of September, 1953 states special problem of CP is to help LYL to build in shops, and that the youth issue is "life and death question of the labor movement." National convention of LYL to be held in NY 12/19/53 to 12/21/53. NY office of American Women For Peace now closed, having been removed to Chicago. Pamphlet "EISENHOWER'S Farm Prices" issued to advance "progressive farm program" based on peace, China trade, and price support. "DW" writer suggests revival of "democratic and humanistic" films of 1930's and 1940's which cannot be seen today. Cultural concentration group of CP said to be now defunct. "Morning Freiheit" raised all but \$1,000 of \$175,000 fund drive as of 7/7/53, and plans fight against deportation of editor, PAUL NOVICK. "DW" sees indications ministers are fighting against "Mc Carthyite attack" on churches, and expresses hope that their congregations will support them. CP national conference referred to "mass distribution of the party press as a central task of the present period" and entire party must be mobilized. Sub drive of "DW" and "Worker" achieved 13,387 and 3,169 respectively, as of 8/11/53, goals having been set at 19,000 and 3,000 on 1/15/53. "Year-end" fund drive begun instead on 9/6/53 for \$60,000. CP continues to stress importance of clubs and meetings as educational opportunities.

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following is a list of organizations and publications referred to in this report, together with a characterization of each.

These documentations will not be repeated elsewhere in the report.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN (ACFPB)

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR PEACE

A Communist front veterans organization, according to Confidential Informant T-10.

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE

T-57 advised on March 2, 1951 that this organization is strongly influenced and infiltrated by its members who are members of the Communist Party.

"CHINA DAILY NEWS"

The "China Daily News" is a pro-Communist Chinese language daily newspaper published in New York City according to T-50.

CITIZENS EMERGENCY DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CEDC)

T-41 has advised that the CEDC was organized as a front organization of the Communist Party, USA and that the organization is controlled by the Communist Party.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE FOR SOLDIERS OF REGIMENT 65  
(Also Known As COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOLDIERS OF REGIMENT 65)

JOSE RAMON GIBOYEAUX, who is president and director of this Committee, has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by T-64 on June 9, 1951.

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY PEOPLES WORLD"

A West Coast daily Communist newspaper.

"DAILY WORKER"

An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT VICTIMS

An organization formed to raise money to assist the families of Communist Party leaders prosecuted under the Smith Act, according to T-22.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

Identified by T-2 as the book publishing house of the Communist Party.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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JEWISH MUSIC VERBAND

The Jewish Music Verband or Alliance, according to T-22, is a progressive cultural organization interested in building a Jewish progressive culture on the line of Marxism-Leninism.

JEWISH PEOPLE'S FRATERNAL ORDER

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JEWISH PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS

T-55 advised that the School System of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, known also as the Jewish Progressive Schools, was at one time known as the National School and Culture Commission of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order - International Workers Order.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE

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"L'UNITA DEL POPOLO"

"L'UNITA DEL POPOLO," according to T-50 was and continues to be a Communist newspaper. The activities and operations of the paper were discussed at numerous meetings of Communist Party Officials at Communist Party Headquarters in New York City.

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

Identified by T-2 as being the monthly cultural magazine of the Communist Party.

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION (MFSA)

While not an official agency of the Methodist Church, the MFSA has closely followed the Communist Party line for years according to T-63.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Morning Freiheit" was described by the "Daily Worker" for December 9, 1946, Page 7, Column 1, in an editorial, as the Jewish language Communist paper.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO WIN AMNESTY FOR SMITH ACT VICTIMS

T-22 has advised that the purpose of this organization is to promote amnesty for the Communist Party leaders who have been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

Cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report number 1953, dated April 19, 1949.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL

According to T-2 a Communist dominated and inspired organization which does not deviate from the Communist Party line.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S APPEAL FOR THE RIGHTS OF FOREIGN BORN AMERICANS

T-31 has furnished information on February 16, 1951 that this organization was formed in January, 1951 by ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born. Its purpose is to aid in the defense of women aliens made the subject of deportation proceedings by the Department of Justice.

NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA

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NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS

Considered by T-2 to be the pamphlet publishing house of the Communist Party.

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"NEW CHALLENGE"

The official monthly publication of the Labor Youth League, according to T-59.

"PARTY VOICE"

A monthly pamphlet published by the New York State Communist Party, the first issue being dated March, 1953. Its stated purpose is to serve the membership and leadership, as a medium for the expression of opinion and interchange of experience, and as a live Party organizer and educator.

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case of "United States vs ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ETAL" on October 20, 1952 stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since its beginning in 1945.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY (P.P.)

T-7 advised that the Progressive Party has not been free to criticize the foreign policy of the Soviet Union since June, 1950 and has consistently followed the foreign policy of the Soviet Union as opposed to that of the United States.

SELF DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE SEVENTEEN (VICTIMS OF THE SMITH ACT)

A committee made up of the seventeen Communist Party leaders who were indicted in 1951, sixteen of them going on trial on April 28, 1952 in the Southern District of New York, charged with violation of the Smith Act, and formed to raise money in their defense, according to T-22.

THE UNITED COMMITTEE OF JEWISH SOCIETIES AND LANDSMANSHAFT FEDERATIONS

Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"VETS VOICE"

A monthly publication of the American Veterans for Peace, mentioned hereinbefore.

"THE WORKER"

Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described hereinbefore.

WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN

T-7 has advised in May, 1951 that this organization is an instrument of Soviet foreign policy.

YIDDISHER KULTUR FARBAND

The Yiddisher Kultur Farband has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA (YPA)

T-2 advised that while the Young Progressives of America is not a Communist dominated organization, it receives support from the Communist Party and consists of both Communist and non-Communist youths.



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This section was prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

T-33 has advised that early in August at a Communist Party meeting held outside of New York City there was discussion of a Communist Party recruiting and building program. It was stated at the meeting that the Party wants each member to select two persons for interview as possible recruits. Union members were to follow this program by concentrating on their fellow union members. It was suggested that a potential recruit be observed for a period and if the results of the observation warranted, the Party member checking the recruit should make available to that person a copy of the "Daily Worker" in such a way that it might be perused by the possible recruit. If the individual to whom the "Daily Worker" has been made available displays a receptive attitude, he should then be approached with the idea of recruiting him as a Party member.

T-32 has advised that the Communist Party sometime in August, 1953 prepared a memorandum addressed "To all Districts" on the subject of dues and registration. This memorandum pointed out that the last registration of members disclosed that a number of districts had registered as Party members those who had not been previously registered within the past few years, and those districts now have a larger membership than at the time they entered the registration period.

T-18 has reported that a meeting was held in mid September of a community section of the Communist Party in New York City. One of the section officials informed those in attendance that the Communist Party has been losing a considerable number of people because of their fear of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for other reasons, and that the Party was losing in numbers. The section official went on to say that the Communist Party therefore

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had decided to resume recruiting of new members, planning to do so on a very careful and selective basis. It was decided that the chance would have to be taken that some of the recruits might be "stool pigeons". According to this source, the Party feels that the most likely sphere for the recruitment of members lies in the ranks of members of progressive organizations.

T-27 has reported that at a meeting of a county organization in New York City, which was held in the early part of September, the statement was made that the current dues control period would end on October 6, 1953 and the annual registration of Party members would then begin. This registration would continue until January 15, 1954 and will not be extended beyond that date under any circumstances.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished
T-1 [ ]	Negro Labor Council Meeting 6/20/53	7/20/53	Cleveland Office
T-2 [ ]	Used for Documentation of National Negro Labor Council; New Century Publishers; Characterization of HOWARD FAST; Documentation of Mases and Mainstream; characterization of HERB TANK; Documentation of International Publishers, Documentation - Young Progressives of America		b7D
T-3 [ ]	Call to the 3rd Annual Convention of the NNLC. NNLC News release Documentation of Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS.	9/24/53 9/24/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-4 [ ]	Draft of report prepared for delivery to a Nat'l Conference of CP, USA	8/14/53	SF Office
	Underground operations - National Conference, CP USA	8/14/53	SF Office
T-5 Former [ ]	Documentation of DORTHY BURNHAM		

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T-6 Former [redacted]	Documentation of VIOLA Brothers		b6 b7C b7D
T-7 [redacted] [redacted]	Documentation of World Congress of Women	5/ /51	
NYC (by request)	Documentation of Progressive Party	5/10/51	
T-8 [redacted]	Change in headquarters of American Women For Peace	9/24/53	Chicago Office
T-9 [redacted]	Documentation of DORTHY HAYES		Chicago Office
T-10 [redacted]	Documentation of American Veterans For Peace		
T-11 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] (anonymity requested)	Info. re: United Nations Organizations	December, 1952	JOHN J. KEARNEY
T-12 [redacted]	Info. re: Former United Nations Employees	March, May, June, September, 1953	SIMON TULLAI
T-13 NY-693-S*	Information regarding Communist Party personnel Security Measures-Disposal of Rubbish, Locks provided for windows at CH Hdqtrs.	7/1/53 thru 9/30/53	

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T-14 [redacted] [redacted]	Information re stay of MARION BACHRACK at East Blue Hill, Maine	July, 1953	Boston Office b6 b7C b7D
T-15 [redacted] [redacted]	Extent of Communist Party activity of 268 7th Ave., NYC.	10/1/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE
T-16 [redacted]	Retention of RALPH ORTH as leader of Communist Party of West Virginia (District 22)	7/11/53	SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF
T-17 Anonymous			
T-18 [redacted]	Security measures - CP Vigilance; Use of telephones	8/13/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Recruiting program of CP	9/17/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Begun on Industrial Concentration	6/15/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY (writer)
	Three month plan for "Daily Worker" subscriptions	9/17/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY (oral)

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T-19 [redacted]	CP Farm Conference Postponed	7/1/53	
	HARRIS and COE to survey farm conditions	7/1/53	
	CP seeking Puerto Rican as organizer in South Jersey	7/24/53	
	Security measures - CP Vigilance. Factionalism within National CP Leadership	8/19/53	
	Underground Operations - Use of Aliases	9/10/53	
	Underground Operations - Operational Difficulties	9/10/53	
	Information concerning Consuelo Burgos	7/29/53	
	Meeting of National Farm Commission held in Sept.	9/12/53	
	COE CP donates \$100 to Agricultural Workers Union for survey	9/12/53	
	Position of PETTIS PERRY as alternate member of National Committee	9/30/53	
T-20 [redacted]	Position of PETTIS PERRY as alternate member of National Committee	9/25/53	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

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T-21 [redacted] [redacted] Hospital, NYC (by request)	Condition of CLAUDIA JONES	7/8/53	SA EDWARD C. SNYDER b6 b7C b7D
T-22 [redacted]	Statement of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON on future program of the CP	8/4/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Security measures - miscellaneous	8/5/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Results of 1953 "Morning Freiheit" fund drive	7/11/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Information concerning Writers Club, Yiddisher Kultur Farband	7/30/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	PAUL NOVICK Defense Committee	8/31/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
	"Morning Freiheit" Conferences	9/26/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Dissolution of the United Committee of Jewish Societies and Handsmanshaft Federations	9/29/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY
	Used for documentation of the Jewish Music Verband		
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Used for documentation of Families of the Smith Act Victims; National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims

T-23 [redacted]	Letter to the Illinois District Board of the CP	8/25/53	Chicago Office
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T-24 [redacted]	Bank statements and cancelled checks for the account of the CP, USA	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK
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T-25 [redacted]	Bank statements and cancelled checks for the account of the Families of Smith Act Victims	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	WILLIAM T. COOK
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T-26 [redacted]	Bank statements and cancelled checks for the Self Defense Committee of the "17"	8/3/53 9/1/53 10/1/53	
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T-27 [redacted]	Used to document individual Security measures - Hideouts	8/19/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
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	Information on dues control and yearly registration of CP members	9/16/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
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	Information concerning the "Spanish American Defense Committee"	7/11/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
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	Underground Operations - Arrests	8/19/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
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	Queens County Organizational meeting	9/17/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-28 [redacted]	Security measures - Change of residence	9/9/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Use of Code names; Methods of arranging underground meets with party functionaries	9/14/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations - Arrests	10/6/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations - Modus Operandi	8/17/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations - Use of Aliases	7/15, 30; 9/15/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations - Couriers	7/15; 9/14/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
	Underground Operations - Operational Difficulties	6/26/53	SA DAVID P. HURLEY
T-29 FISUR of [redacted]	Security measures - Use of autos; Use of fictitious drivers licenses	8/28/53	SA ROBERT E. RITZER & SA DAVID P. HURL
	Underground Operations - Modus Operandi	8/24-28/53	SA ROBERT E. RITZER & SA DAVID P. HURI
T-30 [redacted]	Security measures - Changes in appearance to avoid detection; use of alias in phone conversation	8/23/53 9/14/53	SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

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T-31 [redacted]	Mew Century Publishers Literature Bulletin - July, 1953	8/24/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	b6 b7C b7D
	Used for documentation of WALTER LOWENFELS			
	"Vets Voice," July - August 1953 issue	8/11/53	SA JOHN J. FEEHLEY	
	Used for documentation of National Women's Appeal for the Rights of Foreign Born Americans.			
T-32 [redacted]	Memorandum: "To All Districts" concerning dues and registration	8/27/53	San Francisco Office	
[redacted]	Memorandum on the role of the Review Commission & matters relating to disciplinary action and procedure	8/27/53	San Francisco Office	

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T-33 [redacted]	CP recruiting program	8/5/53	Chicago Off.
	Underground operations-Arrests	9/3 and 17/53	Chicago Off.
T-34 [redacted]	Security measures - membership drive	9/21/53	Albany Off.
T-35 [redacted]	CP United Front policy to teach unity to the masses	6/25/53	Agents of Chicago Office
T-36 [redacted]	CP to seek dues increase as excuse to discuss Walter-McCarran Act in unions	6/28/53	Pittsburgh
T-37 CG-5824-S	July 1953 article in Political Affairs indicated CP had awakened to danger of United Front policy in unions	7/17/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Russians want CP to engage in industrial concentration in United Front Policy	7/31/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Arrests	9/18/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
	Underground operations - Modus Operandi	9/18/53	CARL N. FREYMAN

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T-37 (cont'd.)	Underground operations - operational difficulties	9/18/53	CARL N. FREYMAN
T-38 [redacted]	Four or five groups active in steel industry	7/10/53	Agents of Chicago Office
T-39 [redacted]	Screened seamen to be placed in industry.	8/19/53	CHARLES M. FLEURY
	CP program for NMU convention	8/12/53	Agents of Baltimore Office
	Plan for negro caucus at NMU convention abandoned	9/1/53	CHARLES M. FLEURY
T-40 [redacted]	9/22/53 CP program in Longshore Industry	9/23/53	Agents of Philadelphia Office
T-41 [redacted]	CP unable to influence Longshore situation	9/30/53	
	Documentation of Citizens Emergency Defense Committee		
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T-41 (cont'd.)	Planned meeting of "Daily Worker" staff	7/16/53	
	Address of CONSUELO BURGOS of Puerto Rico before "Daily Worker" staff - 7/16/53	7/24/53	
T-42 [redacted]	Meeting Central Plaza, NYC - 8/18/53	8/31/53	H. K. STALLINGS
T-43 [redacted]	Statement of Stockholders of Publishers New Press, Inc., 9/29/53	10/1/53	EDWARD G. BURKE
T-44 NY-694-S	Underground operations - arrests	8/12/53	ROBERT C. BURNS
	Underground operations - modus operandi	7/2/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
	Transfer of CP bank accounts	10/3/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
T-45 [redacted]	Underground operations - operational difficulties	8/10/53	DAVID P. HURLEY
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T-46 [redacted]	Underground operations - operational difficulties	8/11/53	LIONEL E. BELANGER
T-47	Awaiting documentation from Pittsburgh		
T-48 [redacted] Panel Source	Info re Cultural Congress in Chile	8/6/53	WILFRED H. SCHLARMAN 100-88297-774
T-49 [redacted]	Used for documentation of BETTY SANDERS		
T-50 [redacted]	Used for documentation of PAUL ROBESON, "China Daily News", "L'Unita Del Popolo"		
T-51 [redacted]	Instructions for CP club meetings	5/28/53	Agents of Baltimore Office
T-52 [redacted]	Contribution drive of "China Daily News"	7/21; 9/1/53	ROLAND G. KEARNS
T-53 [redacted]	Visit to Camp Midvale, N.J., Labor Day weekend	9/17/53	HEINRICH VON NEARDT

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T-54 [redacted]	Information concerning Camp Midvale, N.J. local of Nature Friends of America, Inc.	9/21/53	HEINRICH VON ECKARDT
T-55 [redacted]	Used for documentation of Jewish Progressive Schools		
T-56 [redacted]	Special issue of "Vets Voice", July, 1953	8/17/53	JOHN J. FEEHELEY
	Leaflet from American Veterans for Peace	9/8/53	EVERETT K. DEANE
T-57 [redacted]	Used for documentation of American Women for Peace		
T-58 [redacted]	CP instructions to infiltrate youth, religious groups	5/12/53	FRANCIS V. GARDNER
T-59 [redacted]	Info re Labor Youth League	8/7/53, 8/11/53, 9/4/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS
	Used for documentation of "New Challenge"		

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T-60 [REDACTED]	Info re Labor Youth League	9/14/53	PAUL M. ROTHERMEL, JR.
T-61 [REDACTED]	Info re Labor Youth League	10/6/53	San Francisco Office
T-62 [REDACTED] Panel Source	Info re Young Progressives of America	8/28/53	HERBERT K. STALLINGS
T-63 [REDACTED] (Anonymity requested)	Used for documentation of Methodist Federation for Social Action		
T-64 Former [REDACTED]	Used for documentation of Committee for Soldiers of Regiment 65		

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA for the quarterly period beginning October 1, 1953 and ending December 31, 1953.

REFERENCE Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, New York, 7/16/53

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: OCT 16 '53

FROM : SAC, Albany (100-11056)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
District #2  
Albany Division  
ORGANIZATION  
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On August 26, 1953 [redacted] made available to SA JOHN D. MAHONEY certain material in the possession of ROBERT C. JOHNSTON, former Communist Party Organizer now operating in the Underground in Syracuse, New York. This material was photographed and pages 266 through 270 are enclosed for the Bureau.

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This material is being furnished to the Buffalo and New York Divisions because of the subject matter involved.

The material is captioned "1952 Registration". It pertains to the registration of Communist Party members and elaborates upon the qualifications for membership, the method of recruiting and the security of the membership. The material mentions the November, 1952 Presidential election and concludes with a paragraph designating December as Party month. It is apparent that this analysis is concerned with the 1953 registration for the Communist Party, and follows:

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 10/20/53

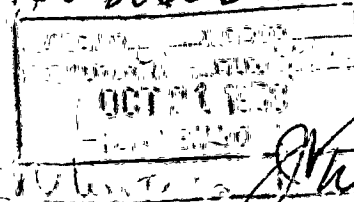
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[ ] was again interviewed in connection with the status of membership figures for CP, USA District No. 2 on 9/8/53. Informant advised he could furnish no additional information to that previously furnished.

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## 1952 Registration

The results of the November 4th elections were a victory for reaction only because the American people were trapped by the two party demagogy and didn't see independent action as the only way out. It would be wrong to say that they consciously voted for reactionary policies. The results reflect the deep desires of the American people for peace, for better wages and conditions and for civil rights.

The majority who voted for Eisenhower did so because of his promise to end the war and his peace demagogy. There were many in this column too who believed that he would reduce taxes and inflationary prices. Others just couldn't stomach the Democrat's talk of "You never had it so good." Of course there were some Republican voters who were influenced by the witch-hunting of Nixon and McCarthy.

On the other hand the anti-labor and anti-Negro record of the Republicans was the over-riding factor with those who voted for Stevenson. Most of the organized workers and the Negro people remembered the advances for labor and the Negro people under the New Deal and pulled the Democratic lever once more. The fight for Negro representation moved forward with the election of Archibald to the NY State Senate and the victories of a large number of Negro Senate legislative candidates throughout the country. The huge increase in the number of Negro votes was another big step forward.

The election results indicate the sharpest realignment that has taken place since the early days of Roosevelt. So far this realignment has taken place almost entirely within the confines of the two Wall St. parties. The low PP vote shows the effect of the witch-hunting and red-baiting and also that we were not able to present the idea of independent third party political action as a practical or realistic way out; but for all that the deep going dissatisfaction with the war in Korea, high taxes, high prices, the wage freeze and anti-labor legislation, Jim crow and lack of democracy which was responsible for the realignment, is the basis for moving millions of people against the drive toward war and fascism.

It is possible to prevent World War III and fascism in the U. S. and we can do it if we learn the lessons of the elections and our past work. We must that in every situation our first thought must be "What is the key issue that will move

masses, millions? What is the mass line?" Then we must apply it in such a way that it will move masses.

The issue of cease fire in Korea is an example. This was plainly the key issue in the election campaign (and still is). We put this forward as the program of the left and to the extent that we reached masses of people to identify the left with cease fire it was good and very important. Yet we did not sufficiently provide the forms or take the steps necessary to move millions into action to get a cease fire. We didn't find the ways and means of tackling it in the established organizations. We didn't make enough use of the ballot and other forms which would have provided a concrete action for large numbers of people to take. The sentiment for a mass peace movement exists today. It needs leadership at the level which millions are ready to accept. We must provide this leadership.

To give this leadership we will have to have many more ties with masses of people. In this coming period it is more than ever clear that our Party will draw its strength from contact with the masses. That means our comrades must be where the masses are, particularly in the big shops, exchanging ideas with people and giving them leadership in day to day struggles. It means that we must pay much more attention to those comrades who are not active in the accepted sense but who nevertheless have many valuable ties with workers, Negro people, farmers, women and youth. We must treasure every comrade, learn from him or her, develop him and find the forms thru which his contribution can best be made. We must learn how to overcome their weakness', using the weapons of criticism and self-criticism. We must learn how to conduct ideological struggles with them and not take the right opportunist path of "living with" their weakness' nor the left sectarian path of using organizational action as a substitute for ideological struggles. This is particularly true around the question of white chauvinism. Our failure to conduct a struggle on this question either in a rightist way or leftist way has caused the loss of many valuable comrades in our Party.

Another very important way to strengthen our Party's ties with the people is to bring into the organization the large number of people who have been in and around the Party in recent years and who haven't been registered in the past years. Most of these people have not changed their basic thinking. Many of them are in key shops or have very close ties with the people in their community, their national group., etc. They are a rich source for increasing our Party's influence with large numbers of people. Many of them can help us with industrial concentrations.

It is proposed therefor that in the registration this year we increase the size of our Party by reregistering some of the people who have not been registered in past years and in addition, bring into our ranks a number of people who have been around us for some time but have not been asked to join.

This is not merely an innter-Party organizational task. It is a big political and ideological campaign to increase our Party's capacity to lead the working class and Negro people in struggle against the drive toward war and fascism of the Eisenhower administration. It can only be successfully conducted in the midst of initiating and leading those struggles.

How can we do it?

First of all we should recognize that most comrades dropped out not because they have any ideological difference with the main line of the Party. They dropped out because they disagreed with the application of the main line in the area. Many felt that the Party was isolating them from other workers by making sectarian mistakes, by demanding actions of them which would isolate them. Their dropping constitutes a criticism of the Party. We must overcome these sectarian weakness\_ by finding the forms of action which will appeal to large numbers of people and will not cuse our people to "stick their necks out".

Another serious weakness which has caused many comrades to drop out is the failure to combat white chauvinism correctly. Literally hundreds of Negro people have come into the Party and dropped out agin in the last few years. They dropped because they were disillusioned by the failure of the white comrades and white leaders to struggle seriously against white chauvinism. The failure to conduct down to earth struggles for Negro rights is the worst manifestation of this. Also we have lost many white comrades thru failure to conduct a patient but ruthless struggle on this question. Either we have lost patience with them and caused them to drop out or else we have expelled them too quickly as a substitute for struggle.

We can report some real gains in the struggle against white chauvinism in the last three years, since many of the Negro comrades have dropped. But we must be very self-critical

of continuing weakness' and seriously try to overcome them. We must work out a mass line in the struggle for Negro rights as on other questions.

There have been tendencies among some actives to feel that our Party is better off in these days with a small "hard core" and to "get rid of the dead wood". This is a big mistake. If followed thru it would only mean that we become a small 'adventurist clique with no ties with the masses and not possibility of influencing them. That's a situation that the ruling class is spending millions of dollars trying to bring about. In these days we have to combat especially hard any such liquidationist tendencies to reduce still further our contacts among the masses. In fact it is usually the less active comrades, the "dead wood" so to speak, who have the most mass contacts because they take more time to be with their neighbors.

We have tended to set too high standards for membership in the Party. We sometimes say "In these days we have to be very careful who we let in the Party." This is true but we too often use it to exclude those who are completely honest and who agree with us on most things. We set rigid standards of preconceived types of activity and those who can not fit into these patterns we write off as worthless. We don't have enough confidence that our comrades will grow and develop if we give them the benefit of good leadership.

Another problem we have is not enough ideological work. There isn't enough organized study either in special classes or in the clubs or self-study. We ourselves aren't always ideologically clear enough to convince others with facts and logic instead of bludgeoning. The excellent response to the very few classes we have had shows how much this is needed. We should get study outlines on the history of the CPUSA and on the 19th Congress material so that each club and each leading committee can devote least part of its time to study. Wouldn't it be possible to get some of the old-timers back into some sort of group to study Foster's book which should have a special appeal because they have been thru most of the struggles Foster writes about?

To carry out this kind of registration campaign we will need a core of leaders in each area who will be equipped to carry it thru. They will be the ones who will have to do the visiting arguing and convincing. Therefore, once we agree on

the line the decisive step is to equip the club leaders with the understanding and enthusiasm to do the job. Let them feel how valuable and important the Party is to the American people. Let them grasp the very positive role the Party has played and is playing in American life. Let them also appreciate the far greater and decisive role the Party is going to play in the next few years in our country. We could take some examples, our role in the election campaign in forcing both candidates to resort to demagoguery for instance. Or our role in Ford Local 600. Or our role in the case of the five and the Thomas case. Of course there were plenty of weaknesses' but let's not forget that our Party made a positive and important contribution in each of these things.

We will have to pay lot's of attention to the development of cadres, something that some of us have been very weak on. Every leader of the Party, in fact every Communist should always have the development of people as a central task. This means dividing up responsibility, having confidence in people, giving them perspective, helping them very concretely on how to carry out their tasks and checking up regularly to see if the tasks are being carried out or if more discussion and help are needed. Criticism and self-criticism are absolutely essential to the growth of individuals and the Party. We don't have to fear that comrades will resent the constant use of this weapon if it is used correctly. First of all we must be self-critical ourselves. We must criticize openly, without hesitation, use praise where it is warranted, listen and learn from others. If we do these things criticism will be welcomed as reflecting the confidence we have in people.

In the registration campaign we should be prepared to answer two types of questions which will probably come up in one from or other in cases of people who haven't registered in the past few years. The first is: "Why should I re-register?", "What good will it do?". The other question is security: "I don't want to take a chance on losing my job. The company might find out."

To answer the first we must show them the positive role the Party has played and is playing and then show them very realistically how they can make a contribution in the struggle for peace and against fascism. We must show them how, even if they think they can't do anything at all, their membership will help to strengthen the Party by giving us one more member who has valuable ties with people. They will be strengthened too with greater understanding and as part of an organization they will have more security.



We can work out many struggles and activities in a very broad way so that everyone can be involved and we can move masses of people. For instance, large numbers of the less active comrades and those who have dropped out are the foreign born comrades. This is true in a number of cases like the Triple Cities, Spencer-Van Etten and Syracuse. Part of the reason for this is a national chauvinist lack of appreciation of the value of these comrades on the part of the leadership. Part of it is intimidation under the blows of the government which have fallen particularly hard on them. Shouldn't it be possible to map out a campaign against the McCarran Walters Law that goes into effect on Dec 24th and is a grave threat to the security of all foreign born people? The opposition to the law is about as broad as could be asked. The list of people who have testified against it in hearings in different parts of the country include leaders from the extreme right wing Americanization Committees all the way to the Committee for the Protection of the foreign born. There are great possibilities for a broad united front movement in every community in which the foreign born comrades could find a place without sticking their necks out.

The struggle for Negro rights can and should be planned out in a similar way so that it can be conducted in the broadest manner, involving masses of people and so that all our people can find a place in it. For instance, in the Triple Cities how about tackling the question of hiring Negro bus drivers by the TCTC? It is a realistic struggle, one that could be won and a struggle that could involve Negro workers, right wing Negro leaders, white workers including EJ workers who might not be willing to stick their necks out for hiring Negro workers in EJ, ministers, liberals, etc.

As the Party more and more gives realistic, united front leadership on the questions facing the workers, the Negro people, the farmers, the youth, the women, the foreign born, etc., it will be easier to convince those people in and around the Party that they have a role to play in the Party. In the process of registration we can show them how they fit in, why they should be in the Party.

On the question of security. Many people who have dropped from activity have done so because they don't feel secure in the Party. Apart from left-sectarian forms of activity and approaches which tended to isolate them, they were concerned with technical aspects of security. Our vigilance against enemy agents within the Party, the way we hold meetings, the

use of the telephone, the way word gets round that so-and-so is a member of the Party and a lot of other things like this. We have tightened up considerably in the matter of security compared to a couple of years ago. This should be explained to those people who haven't been in touch with the Party for some time. It should also be explained that we recognize that we still have weakness' but we are determined to correct them. It should be explained that they will be in a very small group and that the knowledge of their membership will be limited to the 3 or 4 other people in their group. To the extent possible we should set up groupings among people who see each other regularly, friends, etc. We should be very flexible about the groups. Also if they are not willing to come back we should bring them at least part way, so that we maintain contact, get them literature, etc.

One final point. In most of the places there are a few people in outlying towns and villages or farms who have been completely cut off from the Party for a number of years. Some experiences in visiting them show that for the most part they are the staunchest kind of people, people who have a broad approach and who have not stopped carrying on Party activity in spite of their isolation from the Party. They haven't been visited because we in the leadership haven't seen their value to the movement. For instance some of them could make an excellent contribution to the farm work of the Party in the Farmer's Union or struggles around rural schools, better roads, etc. Other's are playing a good role in right led unions in small towns. Their role could be strengthened and the influence of the Party greatly extended if they were made a part of our Party organization.

This memo has considered only a few of the approaches which can help us to build and strengthen our Party in this period. As the leading comrades begin to probe and think in terms of extending the base of the Party in this way many more ideas will come forward.

Finally it is proposed that the month of December be designated Party Month for the following purposes:

1. An evaluation of the work of the past year in each committee and club.
2. Election of officers of committees and clubs.
3. Planning activities for each club for the next three months.

4. Registration of 100% Plus of membership. The approach to registration this year should be hammered out in each club. The members should be canvassed for suggestions on people who could be re-registered.
5. Improving the club life of each club. Planning Party education and the efficient and consistent distribution of the press and literature.
6. Discussion of security. Instructing all members on what to do if visited by enemy agents.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-28)

DATE: OCT 26 1953

FROM : SAC, New York (100-7451)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
District #14  
Newark Division  
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cc: Newark (24)(RM)

1 - NK 100- (LOU MALINOW)  
1 - NK 100- (GEORGE SANDY)  
1 - NK 100- (JULES ZINMAN)  
1 - NK 100- (AL GOLDBERG, believed to be)  
1 - NK 100- (LOU CAPLIN)  
1 - NK 100- (DAVE GORDON)  
1 - NK 100- (LOTTIE GORDON)  
1 - NK 100- (JULIA SANDY)  
1 - NK 100- (MARTHA STONE)  
1 - NK 100- (JOE FISHER)  
1 - NK 100- (MANNY CANTOR)  
1 - NK 100- (CHARLES NUSSER)  
1 - NK 100- (ELWOOD DEAN)  
1 - NK 100- (DAVE ROCKLIN)  
1 - NK 100- (ROSE GOLDBERG)  
1 - NK 100- (JAKE GOLDBERG)  
1 - NK 100- (MORTICAI MERSEL)  
1 - NK 100- (CARL NYKANEN)  
1 - NK 100- (ALFRED GOLDGERG)  
1 - NK 100- (ALLEN GOLDBERG)  
1 - NK 100- (JOE TENIN)  
1 - NK 100- (LEO ARS)  
1 - NK 100- (MARK MARKOWITZ)  
1 - NK 100- (MRS. MARK MARKOWITZ)

cc: New York

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1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA District #2, NY Division)  
1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA-Security Measures)  
1 - NY 100-96985 (CP, USA-Underground Operations)  
1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA-International Relations)  
1 - NY 100-89691 (CP, USA-Domestic Administration)  
1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA-Negro Question)  
1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA-Strategy In Industry)  
1 - NY 100-74746 (ALMA GARCIA)  
1 - NY 100-82290 (MARK MARKOWITZ)  
1 - NY 100-57644 (MERCEDES ARROYO)  
1 - NY 100-33174 (MRS. MARK MARKOWITZ)  
1 - NY 100-6562 (CP, Puerto Rico)

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NY 100-7451

On 10/14/53 [ ] advised SA TROY COLEMAN of Newark and SA RICHARD H. BLASSER of NY of the following:

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Over the weekend of [ ] a meeting was held at the [ ] The meeting was a gathering of [ ] at which [ ] advised those present of the results of a National Conference which the informant believes was held in [ ] because of [ ] remarks.

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Those present at the [ ] meeting were as follows:



Another [ ] unnamed, was supposed to be present but he didn't show up.

[ ] of the comrades came to the meeting in a car bearing 1953 New Jersey license [ ] These people arrived Saturday evening, [ ]

The individual driving the license [ ] was described by [ ] as follows:

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Age	[ ]
Race	White
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Hair	Sandy, receding
Characteristics	Well dressed

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- 1 - NY 100-50804 [ ]
- ① - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA-Funds)
- 1 - NY 100-95583 (CP, USA-Line)

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According to [redacted] came to the meeting in a car bearing 1953 New Jersey license [redacted] [redacted] was insistent that his car be kept out of sight so it would not be observed. [redacted] arrived late Saturday evening.

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[redacted] had to leave the meeting early Sunday as he received news that his child was sick.

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About two hours before the meeting [redacted] and [redacted] CP members, went to the farm for a short social visit.

[redacted] stated they were sent by the CP to check to see all was in order before the comrades arrived.

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Also prior to the meeting [redacted] checked on the security of the meeting place and asked [redacted] if he had conducted a survey to determine if the meeting place was safe.

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[redacted] reported how [redacted] delivered the reports at the meeting which were concerned with the results of the National Conference.

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Due to the importance of the results of the National Conference, [redacted] advised he will submit a written detailed report concerning the same and his interpretation of the decisions made.

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[redacted] reported that from [redacted] remarks he gathered [redacted] was at the National Conference and furnished the results to [redacted]

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[redacted] also remarked the National Conference was not attended by many as the comrades had to travel large distances to get to the meeting. [redacted] also stated the comrades expected the meeting to be "hit" by the FBI even while in session.

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[ ] advised those present that the National Conference had basic reports before it. These were as follows: b6 b7c

I. General Economic and Political Situation (World Situation from a CP standpoint)

II. Report on the coming depression and what the CP should do about it.

III. Negro Question

IV. Work of the CP at the present time.

With regard to Party Security [ ] stated certain changes must be brought about. The concept of Party Security in the last two years has been detrimental to the Party leadership and membership. The Party's concept of security during this time was that the CP leadership should make themselves scarce. However, the concept has not protected the leadership as everyone knows where the leadership is except the membership. Secondly, the leadership has not been able to perform their necessary functions as they have been separated from the membership. As a result the membership has been left bereft because of this concept of security. Another result has been the loss of membership. It is an admission that for the past two years the leadership hasn't given leadership.

As a result the whole security policy of the Party will be revised to fight the above weaknesses.

[ ] reported the National leadership is functioning in four parts as follows: b7D

1. Those in prison
2. Those on trial
3. Those who are floating functionaries
4. Those who are secret, reserve leaders

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The problem discussed at the meeting was how to effect liaison between all four parts of the leadership.

It was advised by [ ] at the meeting that the unapprehended leadership will very carefully come forward to connect with county and shop groups so they will not be so detached from the leadership.

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It was also advised a system of reserve leadership will be set up in the factories so that CP members who infiltrate a particular shop and are not known in the factory as CP members, will be able to take over at a future date. These new shop CP members will not associate or meet with the old CP group in the factory. This is known to the CP as industrial colonization.

According to [ ] the New Jersey CP is extremely interested in the Fairless Steel Plant and Westinghouse Meter and will try to establish a base in these plants on the reserve system.

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The meeting began [ ] and ended [ ]

[ ] reported [ ] resides in a [ ] furnished apartment in [ ] but is looking around for another place. According to [ ] [ ] is employed in some store and [ ] does all the family shopping at an [ ]

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[ ] advised another group will meet at the same place over the week-end of [ ] to receive the results of the National Conference.

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Several conclusions drawn by the informant as a result of [ ] report on the National Conference are as follows:

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1. The CP looks on the present situation today as offering possibility for CP advancement.



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2. It is time for the CP to go on the offensive and stop running.

One of the main problems of the CP is passing the results of the National Conference to the rank and file.

[redacted] also advised he learned from [redacted] and [redacted] that they were concerned over the upset in the CP of Puerto Rico. [redacted] and [redacted] have been demoted and [redacted] has been expelled because of bourgeois influences discovered on the part of these people.

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[redacted] also was advised by [redacted] that [redacted] is underground in NYC but would like to get together with her husband and children some week-end at the [redacted]

[redacted] also ascertained [redacted] is a full time paid functionary and inasmuch as there is a shortage of forces in the underground [redacted] may be ordered underground.

Concerning the New Jersey CP, [redacted] reported the following:

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[redacted] CP leaders are as follows:

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According to [redacted] reserves have been appointed for all of the above if inactivated by arrests, but these reserves with the exception of [redacted] are not known by the informant.

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[redacted] appears to be a full time paid  
functionary.

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[redacted] is more or less a [redacted]  
[redacted] for New Jersey CP, [redacted] arranges for the  
[redacted]

[redacted] has grown a mustache and now looks like  
a bowery bum. He is unshaven and wears work clothes and now  
looks like a mulatto.

[redacted] according to [redacted] is getting very  
fat but the informant was unable to state this was being done  
to avoid detection.

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#### NEW JERSEY CP MEMBERSHIP

[redacted] reported there are between 600 and 700 CP  
members in New Jersey.

[redacted] also advised of the number of CP members  
located in certain areas of New Jersey as follows:

Mercer and Huntington Counties - 15  
Flemington, New Jersey - 7  
Frenchtown, New Jersey - 6-7

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The informant advised a number of CP people are also  
located in Trenton, New Jersey.

#### NEW JERSEY CP FUNDS

[redacted] advised that Party money is not banked.

During a Party fund drive CP members are asked  
to contribute a week's salary.

A \$500 - \$600 fund drive quota is designated for  
the Flemington CP.

In the Lakewood, New Jersey area some members  
contribute \$75 - \$150 apiece.

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NEW JERSEY MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

The New Jersey State CP maintain a minimum amount and certain type of record. These records contain statistical designations known only to the individual who keeps the records. According to the informant, the County Organizers knows the membership in each of the counties.

[redacted] identified [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Hunterdon CP.

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Other CP members identified by [redacted] in New Jersey were as follows:

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[redacted] also advised [redacted]  
live in [redacted] but maintain CP membership in New Jersey, as they vacation in the latter state.

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[redacted] remarked recently that about twelve people recently participated in a cadre school in New Jersey.

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With regard to [redacted], believed to be [redacted] by [redacted] the informant stated that throughout the [redacted] day meeting this person was referred to as [redacted] with one exception when someone called to him as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised [redacted] resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] and was described by the informant as follows:

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Age	40-42
Race	White
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 lbs.
Characteristics	Receding forehead, baldish, closely cropped hair, marblized brown glasses, sharp nose and thin lips. Active in the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and works at a chemical plant in Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Informant reported that [ ] described above, apparently has some importance in the Party because at the meeting he spoke for several hours.

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Concerning [ ] advised [ ] is traveling a great deal throughout New Jersey as he is meeting with CP members in the various New Jersey counties. [ ] several soiled, dirty shirts in the back of [ ]

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[ ] also advised there is a CP group at Bound Brook, New Jersey. The names of whom he did not know at the present time.

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THE FOREGOING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS SUITABLE PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT THE INFORMANT.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)(100-3-68)

October 27, 1953

SAC, CHICAGO (100-17769)(100-18952)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

An anonymous source of known reliability on October 15, 1953 made available "Report : Org. Fund Received, Sept. 2 - Oct. 2, 1953" of the Communist Party, District 8. The source advised that the above report was made available to him by [redacted] member of the Nationality Groups Commission, Communist Party, District 8.

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Instant report lists 24 divisions in the District. Under the caption "Org. Fund Quota", is listed the quota for each division which totals \$4,125.00. Column two indicates the amount received in September, 1953 from each of these divisions which totals \$1,351.38.

Also at this time, the informant made available a report entitled "Dues Payments by Divisions, Sept. 1953", which reflects that \$1,060.55 was collected from 22 divisions and from four members at large.

It is also indicated in this report that a total of 964 persons paid dues to the Communist Party, District 8 for September, 1953.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are above mentioned photographic reports received from this source.

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cc: 2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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PEOPLES RIGHTS PARTY, IS-C, DAYLET. GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, LABOR SECRETARY OF THE NY STATE CP AND RECENTLY CONVICTED IN SDNY FOR VIOLATION OF SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY WAS A CANDIDATE IN NY COUNTY FOR OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE NY ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER THREE, LAST. CHARNEY, A CANDIDATE OF THE PEOPLES RIGHTS PARTY, CAMPAIGNED AS A COMMUNIST USING THE MEDIUM OF TELEVISION AND RADIO. THE UNOFFICIAL VOTE TABULATION OF THIS ELECTION AS COMPILED BY THE NYPD REFLECTS CHARNEY RECEIVED A TOTAL VOTE OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE. 2725 IRA COLLOBIN, CANDIDATE OF THE ALP, RECEIVED NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY VOTES. 9740 FRANK HOGAN, THE INCUMBENT, WHO WAS SUPPORTED BY THE REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, LIBERAL AND INDEPENDENT PARTIES, RECEIVED FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY NINE VOTES. THESE THREE WERE THE ONLY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NY COUNTY.

BOARDMAN

- ① - NY 100-80638 (CP USA, MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-042 (NY COUNTY CP)
- 1 - NY 100-50806 (GEORGE CHARNEY)
- 1 - NY 100-96258 (IRA COLLOBIN)
- 1 - NY 100-8522 (AMERICAN LABOR PARTY)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

DATE: 10/29/53

FROM: RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
District 2  
NY Division (Queens County)  
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[redacted] of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN N. DOOLEY on 10/8/53 that he attended a [redacted] the home of [redacted] Besides [redacted]

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[redacted] attended the meeting.

[redacted] gave the principal report. He declared that his particular CP Region was the largest in NY State, and even the United States, since it had about 500 members.

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In discussing the elections at a later point in his report [redacted] said that 10 members from each section should register as Democrats in the coming election and 2 from each section as members of the Liberal Party. [redacted] also gave the figure 90 as the number from the region who would register Democratic and 18 as the number who would register as Liberals. From this, informant concluded that there are 9 separate sections in the region.

In discussing the elections [redacted] said that those who register as Democrats should volunteer to work in Democratic Clubs.

1 - [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-115281 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-108771 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-108503 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-110940 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-88084 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP-Membership)  
1 - NY 100-79717 (CP-Political Activities)  
1 - NY 100-99799 [redacted]  
1 - NY 100-53054 (VITO MARCANTONIO)  
1 - NY 100-82834 [redacted]

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[ ] said that there is friction between the ALP and MARCANTONIO over the elections but that "our candidate is [ ] and CP members will be expected to support [ ] with their vote,

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The CP, according to [ ] has ruled out [ ] because he will not campaign on a progressive platform.

Informant advised that he still does not know [ ] last name but that there is a possibility it might be [ ]

Informant also advised that [ ] is now using the party name [ ] and wants his true name taken off the Party lists. He paid a total of \$50 for CP dues, assessments, and fund drive contribution for the period ending 12/31/53. It appears that he may have to "take an oath soon" and he wants to be able to say "with a clear conscience" that [ ] does not pay dues.

Informant also learned that [ ] is seeking reinstatement in the Party because she hopes to marry soon and her prospective husband will not marry a woman who is not a CP member.



## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE 11/2/53

FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-26603-644)

SUBJECT : C.P., USA, DISTRICT #2, Tri-County Section  
IS-C

A report dated 10/12/53 was received by the writer on 10/15/53 from Confidential Informant [redacted]

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This report consisting of 3 pages and an added sheet concerned a meeting between the informant and [redacted] who had previously identified himself to the informant as being a member of the National Commission of the Communist Party, USA, and [redacted] who had previously identified herself as being [redacted]. The added sheet was a [redacted]

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[redacted] The report mentioned is the informant report of [redacted] is reportedly a [redacted]. The reason for [redacted] being on trial with the party has not as yet been ascertained. The [redacted] is an [redacted] is the [redacted] containing numerous small business offices.

A copy of this report is attached. The original may be found in NY File [redacted] as serial [redacted].

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- 1- [redacted]  
1- 100-23125  
1- 100-75639  
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*see 100-1168* [redacted]

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- 1- 100-80633 (CPUSA, EDUCATION)  
1- 100-89691 (CPUSA, Domestic Administration Matters)  
1- 100-80638 (CPUSA, Membership)  
1- 100-80641 (CPUSA, Organization)  
1- 100-54651 (CPUSA, National Groups)  
1- 100-79717 (CPUSA, Political Activities)  
1- 100-81338 (CPUSA, Security Measures)  
1- 100-31019 (Communist Infiltration of Labor Unions)  
1- 100-102697 (Communist Infiltration of Mass Organizations)  
1- 100-51820 (Jefferson School of Social Science)

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Developmental Facts In Regard To [redacted]

In accord with previous instructions given to [redacted] by Comrade [redacted] and notified him of the fact that he had completed the writing of the specific article mentioned in the last report. On hearing this, [redacted] agreed to meet [redacted]. In so

agreeing, Comrade [redacted] stated that he would be late in [redacted]. He was not specific in this instance as to exactly [redacted] that is whether he was [redacted]. Since he generally indicates to [redacted] and has not at any time specifically mentioned [redacted] naturally assumed that Comrade [redacted]

At the appointed time [redacted] bringing along with him the completed article and copies of his previous articles, entered the [redacted] household and acknowledge the presence of Comrades [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] immediately noticed a change in the household where Comrade [redacted] had completed the construction of a number of bookshelves lined against the south wall of the parlor and opposite his giant television set which rests on the east wall of the parlor. The shelves were all loaded with books and are readily accessible to the reach whereas previously these books were piled in the tiny music room which lies before the parlor slightly to the north of the mail hall entrance to the apartment. This brings to mind that there are shelves of books and literature to the right of the east parlor exit to the bathroom and bedroom. These facts bring to mind that I have not ever properly described the [redacted] apartment and I shall therefore bear in mind to do so at some proximate future date and in a report devoted solely to that purpose.

The subject matter of this report will cover the facts of this meeting which lasted approximately three hours.

Preliminary facts

[redacted] being busy in the kitchen at the time of my entrance, [redacted] who perused it thoroughly and whose comment was generally favorable except for the use of the word "anti-democratic" which she thought was too leftist a term. Let me at this time point out that Comrade [redacted] as she is wont to do at the beginning of a meeting feigned laryngitis. She generally feigns a cold or fatigue. In regard to this point let me also state that before the evening was over she had completely recovered her voice and the laryngitis seemed in no way to be disturbing her as rather certain other preoccupations herein delineated most definitely were.

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On Comrade [redacted] Problem

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Throughout the course of the evening, the facts of the discussion substantiated that Comrade [redacted] was confronted with a most specific personal Communist Party Problem and that [redacted] because of the nature of his Communist Party work was to play no unimportant part in her attempt to relieve herself of this problem.

As openly stated by Comrade [redacted] to the displeasure [redacted] This may specifically be said to incorporate the essence of Comrade [redacted] problem because she specifically reiterated the fact that certain criticisms had been leveled against her. Throughout the course of the evening Comrade [redacted] busied herself with a report which she gave me to understand was directly concerned with a defense of her Communist Party methods. At one point in the writing of said report she specifically asked me "How many Italians are there in Yonkers?" Comrade [redacted] interjected, "17,000". Pertinent to the problem of [redacted] is that she specifically took for herself a copy of the last issue of the paper containing my article when this copy was intended for purposed to be used by her husband. It therefore evolved that I am to get another copy for her husband while she uses the specific copy mentioned in some way pertinent to her defense. Since Comrade [redacted] mentioned the fact that her report is due tomorrow the reason is obvious that she refused to wait for me to get her a personal copy. In conjunction with [redacted] problem is the fact that she admitted that there would be a County Section meeting tomorrow and that since both the other members of the Political Action Branch [redacted] will be involved in it, the Political Action Branch meeting which was scheduled for tomorrow night will not transpire. Rather Comrade [redacted] will call me at the end of the week to notify me more specifically.

On Transfers and Local Organizational Developments

The discussion revealed that a number of new branches are in the process of organizational pains. As a matter of fact, Comrade [redacted] specifically stated that at the current time only two branches are ready in functional organizational terms, one the Political Action Branch and the other obviously the Carpet Branch. The problem of branch organization is specifically Comrade [redacted] problem and she made this burden evident to me.

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Comrade [ ] was compelled to borrow a map of Yonkers from her husband for the purpose of locating the residence of a new transfer. She commented that these new transfers are moving into areas the names of streets not generally familiar. She spoke derogatorily of transferees and retracted her statement on the basis that she had made similar remarks about the Crestwood transfers and that the Crestwood transfers are currently doing a marvelous job.

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On Certain Aspects of Political Infiltration

In conversation with [ ] it was brought out that [ ] should have been a Democrat since in [ ] opinion most Italians are Democrats and particularly are Italian Labor Leaders Democrats. [ ] brought out that in his considered opinion the above mentioned facts do not necessarily hold true among Italians of his acquaintance and that in the County of Westchester it is more lucrative for Italians to be Republican. Not paying particular heed to [ ] statement [ ] pointed out that events may turn out to be such that elements in the Democratic and Republican parties may have to join on certain issues and that my position in the Republican Party will be useful in the separatist process. The object of my infiltration work within the Republican party becomes clear in terms of an obvious Communist Party aim of divide and conquer.

On My Work in Infiltration of Italian Elements

It so happened that [ ]  
[ ] The fact that I might have to speak caused me to decline his offer. On reporting this fact to [ ] and [ ] the error of my ways was pointed out to me. "This paper is a good thing," said [ ] Here you're offered a wonderful opportunity to elevate yourself in the eyes of the Italian people and you refuse it. I hastened to assure her that I could not accept the offer whereupon [ ] It appeared from his suggestions that he wanted me to make certain leftist remarks but Comrade [ ] pointed out that the situation was one in which such remarks could not properly be made. Suffice it to say that I am to take advantage of all such opportunities to advance myself among Italians, to promote friendships and become one of their leaders. "They will soon be coming to you for advice," said [ ] "and they will find that you are able to give it." The basic point of all this, is of course, the exploitation of Italians for the purpose of utilizing them to foster Communist Party goals.

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On the Jefferson School

I pointed out to Comrade [ ] that I had heard a broadcast to the effect that the Jefferson School is currently being investigated, and that since this was the case would it be feasible for me to attend. Comrade [ ] stated emphatically in the affirmative and also stated that enrollment in the school begins next week and that I should enroll at once. He stated that I wouldn't have to worry because my name wouldn't be taken, that I would be given a number which would be my appellation. [ ] made additional remarks to the effect that many Comrades do not realize the importance of the Jefferson School's teaching of Marxist theory and that only a small few are really lending support to this Communist project. I stated that I would be more than happy to enroll if I were so authorized to do by the Communist Party, whereupon Comrade [ ] directed the following question to his wife. "How about it [ ] can he go to the Jefferson School?" Comrade [ ] remarked that it was not her decision alone to make and that others must be informed and authorize such a move. She pointed out that I would be attending branch meetings in two or three weeks and that my education would continue there.

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On a Jurisdictional Conflict in Regard to [ ] between the [ ]

Comrade [ ] informed her husband in no emphatic terms that when a person enters the apartment they assume certain roles that are both wrong. This statement was in reference to roles of jurisdiction over [ ] that each is currently playing. It is obvious in terms of my reports, that the role being played by [ ] in his work is causing a jurisdictional problem between the [ ] since [ ] work enables him to come under both their commands.

Miscellaneous Data

Comrade [ ] and suggested I get the letter of instruction for my union work. He wanted me to read a book entitled "Underground" but did not have the first book. [ ] suggested I read "The Sword and the Scalpel" by Bethune. She mentioned another book by Barsky. [ ] gave me a book entitled "Pages From A Worker's Life", an autobiography of William Z Foster, International Publishers 1939. A torn book tag glued to the book contained the address 45 Warburton Ave.

SAC, New York

11/12/53

RICHARD E. ASH, SA (100-115575)

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GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, Labor Secretary NY State CP, was candidate of the People's Rights Party for District Attorney of NY County in election held 11/3/53. He was opposed by IRA GOLLOBIN candidate of American Labor Party and FRANK HOGAN, the incumbent, candidate of Republican, Democratic, Liberal and Independent Parties. The unofficial vote tabulation as compiled by the NYFD was furnished to the writer by the Chief Clerk's Office of NYFD. HOGAN received a total vote of 428,869. The vote for CHARNEY and GOLLOBIN by Assembly Districts is as follows:

<u>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHARNEY</u>	<u>GOLLOBIN</u>
1	408	909
2	120	260
3	301	698
4	341	609
5	301	1161
6	099	807
7	192	554
8	103	482
9	116	373
10	092	779
11	024	211
12	086	415
13	138	387
14	060	376
15	264	869
16	060	840
	<u>2725</u>	<u>9740</u>

- (1-100-80638 (CP, USA-MEMBERSHIP)
- 1-100-79717 (CP, USA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- 1-100-26603-cl2 (NY COUNTY CP)
- 1-100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY)
- 1-100-96158 (IRA GOLLOBIN)
- 1-100-8522 (ALP)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

DATE: 11/2/53

FROM: PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-26603-C44)

SUBJECT: CP, USA District #2  
Tri-County Section  
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[redacted] On 10/9 and 14/53, the writer met confidential informant [redacted] at which time the informant furnished the following information concerning matters, which information is being disseminated to the proper files:

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A. CP, USA, District #2, Tri County Section:

The Political Action Branch will meet on Tuesday nights every week but the most important job of the members of the PA Branch is to infiltrate the political party to which they are assigned and, if at any time a political rally or meeting is being held, they are to attend that affair in preference to attending the PA Branch meeting, (10/9/53).

B. [redacted]

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The informant advised that he was sure that the subject's

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1 - 100- [redacted]  
1 - 100-75639 [redacted]  
1 - 100-113643 (IRENE KLEMANSKY)  
1 - 100- [redacted]  
1 - 100-73665 [redacted]  
1 - 100-107437 [redacted]  
1 - 100-23125 [redacted]  
1 - 100-10285 (L'UNITO DEL POPOL)  
1 - 100-102697 (COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO MASS ORGANIZATIONS)  
1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)  
1 - 100-54651 (CP, USA NATIONAL GROUPS)  
[redacted] (CP, USA NATIONAL COMMISSION)  
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATIONS)  
1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)  
1 - 100-79717 (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
1 - 100-81338 (CP, USA SECURITY MEASURES)

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name was IRENE KLEMANSKY rather than IRENE KLEBANSKY inasmuch as he had checked the doorbell as 115 East 116th St., prior to entering the house. KLEMANSKY, according to the informant is White, female, age 48 or 50, 5', 130 lbs., wears glasses, color of eyes and hair unknown. KLEMANSKY talks in a thick voice that has a Russian Jewish accent, acts with a casual indifference and was fawned upon by other CP members present at the party as if she were an active, wealthy, respected and influential CP member. (10/9/53).

D. VIVIAN [redacted]

The informant advised that VIVIAN, who was introduced as being County party organizer, was well known to [redacted] and [redacted] and added that all persons present at the party held in her honor at the KLEMANSKY home were excited over the fact that she was going to attend the party. The informant said that [redacted] arrival was awaited with great expectation and added that when [redacted] arrived at the party, all of the women present ran to her side and there was much hugging and kissing as if VIVIAN were an important functionary. The informant described VIVIAN as being white, female, age 50, 5'3", 125 lbs., medium build (thin), greyish hair, extremely well composed as if being a person of authority who was accustomed to being in authority and being fawned upon. The informant advised that he had heard a rumor, source not recalled, that VIVIAN was negro although she looked and acted as a white. (10/9/53).

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E. L'Unito del Popolo

The informant said that [redacted] who had previously told the informant that he was a member of the National Commission, CP described the Italian Language Newspaper "L'Unito del Popolo", as follows: "L'Unito is the official CP organ for the Italians in America". The informant said that [redacted] had been talking of the infiltration of Italian groups and the newspaper and its influence and circulation had been mentioned by the [redacted] had replied as quoted above. (10/14/53.)

F. [redacted]

The informant said that [redacted] described above, referred to the subject as "Bourgeoise, wealthy" and added that he was not a good party member and should be avoided [redacted] since the CP did not want the subject as a member. (10/14/53).



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G. FBI Inquiries

The informant said that [redacted] described

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The informant advised that [redacted] described above, criticized [redacted] very greatly for not insisting

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS

The informant said that [redacted] to read carefully a "Smith article in Political Affairs on the infiltration into right wing organizations". In this connection [redacted] to subscribe to "Il Progresso" a right wing Italian language newspaper and added that he [redacted] in order to get his name before the public used to write controversial "Letters to the Editor" of the New Rochelle, NY newspaper. (10/14/53).

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CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP, IS-C. NY 694-S\* HAS ADVISED ON 11/10/53 THAT  
ACCORDING TO LENA SCHERER, WIFE OF MARCEL SCHERER, THERE ARE AT  
PRESENT 10,000 OPEN ACTIVE DUES-PAYING MEMBERS IN CP, USA, AND OF THIS  
NUMBER, 5,000 ARE IN NEW YORK, WHETHER STATE OR CITY NOT BEING SPECIFIED.  
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EXCERPT FROM  
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(M) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP - INTERNAL SECURITY - C -  
BUREAU FILE 100-3-68 -- Reference is made to SAC Letter 53-67,  
Part I, which advised that a New York informant had reported the  
dues-control period was scheduled to end on October 6, 1953, and  
that the annual Communist Party registration would start thereafter  
and continue until January 15, 1954.

It is quite possible that in some areas there will be some  
recruiting of new members during this registration period. The  
October 15, 1953, issue of the New York State Communist Party pub-  
lication entitled "Party Voice" states that the New York State  
Committee of the Communist Party has proposed that 500 new members  
be brought into the Communist Party between October 1, 1953, and  
January 1, 1954. This publication also pointed out that: "In the  
past several years, only a handful of new members have been re-  
cruited into our Party. Yet our Party, the Party of the working  
class, can fulfill its vanguard role only if it constantly replen-  
ishes its ranks with new recruits, with new blood from among the  
best sons and daughters of the working class, Negro and white."

Any such recruiting drive as mentioned above offers an  
excellent opportunity for your security informants and potential  
security informants to obtain membership in the Communist Party.  
The Communist Party is, of course, the heart of the Communist con-  
spiracy in the United States and in order to be fully advised of the  
activities of this conspiracy, the Bureau must have a large number  
of security informants active within the Party membership itself.

Each field office should make every effort to take advan-  
tage of any opportunity afforded by local Communist Party recruiting  
drives in order to advance its security informants and potential  
security informants into actual Communist Party membership and activ-  
ity. In addition, each office must remain constantly on the alert  
for accurate Communist Party membership data.

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TO : SAC, New York ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) DATE: 11/12/53  
FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-26603-044)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, District #2  
Tri-County Section  
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A report dated 9/30/53 was received by the writer  
on 10/4/53 from [redacted] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

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This report, consisting of seven pages, concerns a  
meeting between the [redacted] who had  
identified herself to the informant as being [redacted]  
[redacted] and with [redacted] who had identified  
himself to the informant as being a member of the [redacted]  
[redacted] mentioned in this report is  
not otherwise identified nor is [redacted] Judge FASSO is city judge  
in Mt. Vernon, NY. The Commission mentioned on page five by

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[redacted] according to the informant who was so informed by [redacted] The reportorial work mentioned by the informant is a series of articles on the Italian clubs of Lower Westchester which articles have been published on the English language page of the Italian language newspaper "Corriere degli Italiani." ~~C~~ (U)

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A copy of this report is attached. The original may be found in NY file [redacted] as serial [redacted]. ~~C~~ (U)

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Developmental Facts In Regard to [redacted] And Additional  
Pertinent Data on Divergent Aspects of Communism

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In terms of my last report, tonight was the night, in accordance with instructions given by my [redacted] in the Communist Party, [redacted] that I should visit her home for the purpose of picking up Communist Party literature which she would have ready for me. This I so did and in the course of so doing many subjects were discussed which will be clarified further on. Suffice it for the present to say that I spent a period of approximately [redacted] hours at the [redacted] residence the first part of which consisted of a discussion between [redacted] and myself in the absence of [redacted] and the second part of which consisted of a discussion between [redacted] and myself in the absence of [redacted] who left on Party business upon the entrance of [redacted] o'clock or a time approximate thereto. The first part of this report therefore will deal with discussions on subjects held between [redacted] and myself and the second part will deal with subjects discussed by [redacted] and myself.

Part One

On literature: Comrade [redacted] informed me that she is no longer responsible for the distribution of Communist Party literature, that this task is currently the assignment of someone else, and in terms of my previous reports I would assume this person to be Comrade [redacted] that Comrade [redacted] must now, like other Communist Party members pay for the acquisition of literature and that therefore I owe Comrade [redacted] one dollar and twenty five cents for the following literature given by her to me.

1. Two copies of Political Affairs; one dated August 1953, the other dated September 1953 at twenty five cents per copy.
2. Two copies of Masses & Mainstream; one dated August 1953, the other dated September 1953, at thirty five cents per copy.

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Comrade [ ] made no specific mention of any particular reading item in the above given literature other than to express disappointment on not being able to find a copy of the final Draft Resolution accepted by the Communist Party. At this point I criticized the fact that I had previously been instructed by Comrade [ ] to study the Draft Resolution and to draw up recommendations in terms of a branch discussion after which any specific changes were to have been submitted to the National Committee; that this situation had not so occurred. Comrade [ ] evaded the issue by stating that the Draft Resolution was in its final form substantially the same as previously published in Political Affairs and she was glad to learn that I still have a copy of the issue in question.

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On Local Party Reorganization and of A Branch Assignment for  
[ ]

The question of local Communist Party reorganization came to the fore in terms of Comrade [ ] problem regarding the specific permanent Communist Party Branch to which I would belong. She therefore outlined two specific branches to which I could belong in order to leave specific selection up to me. She pointed out that our Communist Section has been split into two major branches, one consisting of [ ] members which she called [ ] and the other of [ ] members constituting a [ ] Branch. [ ] pointed out that she would work directly with the [ ] and that her immediate subordinate in the section a woman by the name of [ ] would work with the [ ] Branch.

On the Carpet Branch

[ ] stated that advanced comrades of the section would comprise this group, that in the main these comrades will have connection with industry, that this may not be termed a shop club in the true sense of that word because the policy of this group will not be limited to one shop per se but to all industry in the concentration area. The leader of this group will be a Comrade [ ] who though not employed in industry is highly aware of industrial problems in terms of Communist action, that Comrade [ ] is from out of town. I naturally assumed that the Comrade [ ] mentioned is not Comrade [ ] and is not to be confused with him for the simple reason that [ ] had just informed me that Comrade [ ] is moving to [ ] and that he will open up a shop there probably along the same lines of his shop he maintained in [ ]

Comrade [redacted] pointed out that this group would concentrate on the fifth and seventh wards of Yonkers because these areas comprise significant worker elements, the fifth ward in terms of Polish elements and the seventh ward those of Italian descent.

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Because of this fact the party has found it necessary to include Comrade [redacted] in this branch, despite his shortcomings, since he has personal contact with many Italian workers. She pointed out that the party is aware of Comrade [redacted] shortcomings, that the party will continue to collect dues from him because he is better in the party than out and because he can be used.

In answer to my query regarding participation in both this group and the other simultaneously she pointed out that this was out of the question because the party's aim was to affiliate me with a permanent branch, but that the party is well aware of any possible assistance that I might be able to render the group and that I would in no way be impeded in contributing and assisting to the group.

It is therefore self evident that part of the duties of this Carpet Group will involve the indoctrination, education, recruiting, infiltration of workers in terms of Communist industrial action.

#### The Political Action Branch

Comrade [redacted] pointed out that this group would commence with a hard core of Communists who will meet at a currently undetermined time and place. The members of this group are to be as follows; one Comrade [redacted] in the previous Section Organization, Comrade [redacted] of the Yonkers Peace Committee and the other member will be [redacted]

[redacted] having Republican Party contacts will be useful in those terms. Comrade [redacted] is to register this year as a Democratic Party member and will seek influence with leaders of the Democratic Party and other possible elements of influence therein. Comrade [redacted] will of course represent Communist Party and American Labor Party policy in terms of assignment areas within this Communist Party Branch. This group has not met yet because there are certain questions yet to be answered such as where will it meet and under what conditions etc.



On the education of [redacted]

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[redacted] pointed out that it would greatly facilitate the choice of one of the two Communist branches under consideration if he knew what his educational future as a Communist Party member would be, that is, if he is not given opportunity to attend courses which would develop him ideologically, since this was uppermost in his mind in terms of constant criticisms made by Ford along these lines, he would prefer to join the Carpet Branch on the basis that he could learn more ideologically from the Advanced Communists there. It was immediately pointed out by Comrade [redacted] that [redacted] is high on the list of members to receive a special course of indoctrination for a three week period this winter. In lieu of this [redacted] stated that he would join the Political Action Branch since Comrade [redacted] had effectively answered his two major apprehensions, that of his education and that of his ability to cooperate and work with the Carpet Branch.

On the Moving of [redacted]

Comrade [redacted] informed me that Comrade [redacted] is currently preparing to move at a location on [redacted] directly opposite the [redacted] residence. "Now we can meet in the middle of the street to hold our meetings," Comrade [redacted] pointed out that the feasibility of Comrade [redacted] move in terms of smoother functioning of Party activity, she of course did not mention specific activities except to point out the fact that [redacted] could be compared to herself as an indefatigable Communist Organizer, that although Comrade [redacted] area of contact included more people [redacted] area of contact included more territory. On this base Comrade [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] is currently attempting to acquire a Driver's License and will purchase a car. Where previously it had been necessary for [redacted] to make her rounds via bus she will soon do so by car.

On Fixing Up [redacted]

The discussion fell on [redacted] life with a girl friend who is currently not available nor in any way known to [redacted] as a Communist. The girl herein mentioned happens to live in [redacted] and is currently in [redacted] Comrade [redacted] seemed interested and was sympathetic

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over the fact that I could not see her and suggested that she could still fix me up, as she admitted she had tried very hard to fix me up in the past. The girl that [redacted] has in mind for [redacted] is the sister in law of Comrade [redacted] friend Comrade [redacted] -----who lives in the [redacted] area and who is presently most active in terms of the [redacted] conflict along [redacted]. The only catch in the arrangement as pointed out by [redacted] was that the girl under question desires to marry and [redacted] pointed out that marriage was out of the question.

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On [redacted]

On asking the [redacted] boy if he remembered [redacted] name the boy mentioned [redacted] a further indication of Comrade [redacted] contact with the [redacted]

#### On the Judge Fassio Victory as Republican Leader

It was pointed out by [redacted] that the victory of Judge Fassio represented a victory for Communist Action. It has been a long and difficult struggle but we won. Comrade [redacted] did not mention the specifics of the Communist Action involved nor did she commit Judge Fassio as a Communist in any way. All she said was that he stands for a progressive platform, and progressive policies.

#### On the New York City Mayoralty Elections

The entrance of Mayor Impellitteri in the Mayoralty elections pointed out [redacted] places the communist dominated American Labor Party in a new political position. It is probable according to [redacted] that Candidate [redacted] who represents the most progressive policy may throw his weight into support of [redacted] and [redacted] who after all are in alliance with unions and would be a move in further support of Communist Industrial Concentration Policy.

#### On the Status of the Yonkers Peace Committee and the Westchester Citizens For Justice.

Comrade [redacted] specifically stated that these two organizations are left wing organizations. The Westchester Citizens For Justice are currently active according to [redacted] and doing a fine job. She was in no way specific as to what they are currently doing.

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The Yonkers Peace Committee stated [redacted]  
is to all intents and purposes a dead organization. It is  
currently the policy of the Communist Party to remove from  
these front organizations all advanced Communists and placing  
them into Shop Clubs.

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On [redacted]

On inquiry regarding [redacted] by [redacted]  
[redacted] called him petty bourgeois. She  
stated that he has an exaggerated concept of self importance  
and tends to look down on the working class, that he is a  
good guy and was trying to protect her, that she recruited  
him into the Communist Party, that eighty per-cent of the party  
had voted against his entrance into the party and that he does  
not as yet know this fact. This is obviously hoax information to  
me because it has always been obvious to me that [redacted]  
[redacted] is a Communist. It is also obvious that [redacted]  
[redacted] has given me a line to take on [redacted]  
for security reasons in terms of throwing as many people as  
possible off his trail. (U) ~~C~~

On [redacted]

[redacted] expressed a desire to visit [redacted] at  
her home and wondered as to how she was getting along. Comrade  
[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] is busy making  
friends who are not necessarily Communist Party friends but  
outside the realm of the party. From this, [redacted] logically  
inferred that [redacted] is working hard at acquiring new  
friendships for possible recruitment to the Communist Party as  
well as for any usefulness that they might have for the Party.

On [redacted]

Comrade [redacted] was specifically mentioned as  
one of the Communists participating in the Carpet Branch. He  
represents as stated by [redacted] the type of Communist  
who will be working in the Carpet Branch, that is, Communists  
who are not specifically employed in an industry yet sufficiently  
aware of Communist Industrial Concentration Policy that they

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may be utilized to implement this policy. This will be done as pointed out by [ ] in such type of activities as the distribution of leaflets, the ringing of doorbells in possible canvassing operations, the plugging of the Communist Line and so on. One of the main reasons why Comrade [ ] refrained from allowing me to join this branch was the fact that such activities as the distribution of leaflets might endanger my position.

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Any facts omitted herein are subject to recall and will be included in reports upon recall with specific reference to the specific situation involved.

### Conclusion of Discussion

The discussion between [ ] and [ ] was terminated upon the entrance of Comrade [ ] at [ ] o'clock. He looked bad. Comrade [ ] informed me that it would be perfectly all right to discuss with [ ] any of the facts previously mentioned with a view to his opinion on their merit. With this she departed stating that I should place a call with her tomorrow for the purpose of her informing me as to the time and place of meeting of the Political Action Branch.

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### Part II

On Introductory Elements of the Discussion Between [ ] and [ ]

Opening remarks of our discussion centered on the condition of [ ] informed me

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On Comrade [redacted] New Specific Interest and of  
his Current Position in the Communist Party

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Comrade [redacted] pointed out that his recent [redacted] has caused a change in his Communist activity to the following extent; since his proper field in the party is Education he is currently doing a tremendous amount of study and research in Philosophy wherein he is reading the works of Kant, Schopenhauer, Hegel, Aristotle, Plato and so on with a view to determining their inherent Marxian value. He stated that he constantly goes to the Yonkers Public Library to draw out books of this type for this purpose as well as Italian books giving the history of Italian development in this country in terms of the fact that he is a member of the Commission, a Communist organization of national significance. He claimed that the fact that he still is a member of this commission gives him the authority to go over the heads of any of the local party leaders on matters pertaining to Italian infiltration where I am concerned. More about this later. (U) ~~C~~

Since his field is education he is preparing currently extensive notes for his class tomorrow night at the Jefferson School of Social Science.

On [redacted] Education

[redacted] stated that what [redacted] should do is attend the Jefferson School classes since they do not take names there. [redacted] inquired as to the soundness of this remark and informed Comrade [redacted] that [redacted] had stated that I should attend a three week course this winter, that although I would love to attend the Jefferson School and have constantly reiterated my desire to so attend nothing is done about it. He stated that he would discuss this with [redacted] and see what could be done about it. He thereupon gave me some insight into the nature of the Communist academic situation in terms of a progression from lower classes of instruction to special classes of increased difficulty on various higher levels.

A Specific Criticism of [redacted] by [redacted]

" he Communist Party is not short of lawyers." What we need is more shop workers." He caused me to explain the reasons of my present position and was most specific on

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questions of finance which I answered rather deftly. Having concluded that my investment of money in the present course of my learning had to be protected and taking into consideration that perhaps [ ] had been a bit negligent in contacting me at the time I was ready for auto and so on, he stated that now I must be very careful for the next three years until after having passed the Bar.

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#### On the Present Communist Party Position and its Reorganization

"There have been vicious attacks upon the Communist Party at the present time. Branches and clubs completely dissolve at times and others form. We, the Communist Party have withstood these attacks very well. There has been a complete reorganization of Party members into shop clubs."

[ ] having expressed a desire to belong to a shop club was told to canvass the city in terms of locating a job even for a few hours a night and that he would then be placed in a shop club. These commitments [ ] promised to undertake.

#### On Italian Infiltration Work

Comrade [ ] commended [ ] on his reportorial endeavors in terms of his assignment in regard to Italian organizations and asked [ ] for a complete record of his works because he wished to show them to the editor of the Italian paper in New York which is obviously the Unita Del Popolo and Comrade [ ]. He stated that the works could also be used as a reference source. He has personally met the Editor of this paper, [ ] and doesn't think much of him. He stated that formerly the paper was controlled by a Socialist Editor, that the paper is printed in the same plant as the Progressive paper on 12th Street in New York. He stated that he would like to work directly with me on the article which will culminate my series. For this purpose I am to call him Sunday morning. He stated that this kind of work will relieve him from his depression and cause him to feel that he is doing something worthwhile.

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On Protective Measures Taken By [redacted] (U)

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I have previously reported the fact that [redacted]  
[redacted] He stated that he is ingratiating himself with his pupils and their families for the purpose of having people come to the fore at such time as he will need them for his own defense in a court of Law against any charge that might be brought against him for his Communist Subversive activity. He mentioned the name of the [redacted] family, he specifically stated the poor [redacted] not the rich ones, as one such type of family with whom he is ingratiating himself. Furthermore, in terms of this defensive front position he is planning a concert soon in which the opportunity to ingratiate himself with Italians even further will present itself. "My posters will be plastered all over."

"I know quite a few Italians here and many have asked me to join there organizations. There hasn't been much publicity about me in the papers lately except for that [redacted]

[redacted] He was there at the meeting when [redacted] (U) ~~C~~

[redacted] reiterated the fact that he would like to work with me on Italian problems, that as a member of the Commission he had authority to go over the heads of the section and work with me at any time on such problems.

Miscellaneous Information

[redacted] showed me a Dictionary containing definitions of philosophic terms on a Marxist base. Leonardo Covello's book not good. He showed me piles of notes which he took that are on The Negro Question. He will use them for his classes. He is drinking cognac for relaxative purposes.

September 30 - October 2

Have been contacting [redacted] on the Political Action Branch proposition but as yet she has not committed herself and told me to call Sunday morning at which time she expects to have obtained the necessary information. She also instructed me to be careful in my work with [redacted] and not to cause him to overwork himself. In this regard there isn't much I can do because he is asking for it.

FBI, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)

11/18/53

DIRECTOR, FBI

AIRTEL AM-REG.

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP. IS - C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT THE CP  
WILL SOON CONDUCT ANOTHER REGISTRATION OF ITS MEMBERS AND WILL KEEP RECORDS  
IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. GROUP NAME
2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS
3. CHANGES DURING PAST YEAR
4. YEARS IN PARTY
5. SEX
6. AGE
7. RACE
8. PLAN OF WORK
9. DUES PAYABLE
10. WILLINGNESS OF MEMBERS TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP OR  
FUNCTIONARY JOB IN CASE MORE LEADERS ARE APPREHENDED.

WHELAN

WHK:hko

cc: 100-34166 (DAYLET)

cc: NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, HONOLULU (ALL AM-REG.)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

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DATE: 12/1/53

FROM: RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, District #2  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
(QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
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On 11/13/53 [redacted] reported the following to the  
writer: ~~(U)~~

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A [redacted] CP Section Staff meeting was held at the  
home of [redacted] on  
[redacted] ~~(U)~~

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Those present were as follows: ~~(U)~~

[redacted] was to be present but he had an important  
ALP meeting and couldn't make it. [redacted] of the  
Ridgewood ALP and is also [redacted] of the Ridgewood,  
Maspeth Section. ~~(U)~~

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1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-54651 (NATIONALITY GROUPS)  
1 - 100-108503 [redacted]  
1 - 100-88084 [redacted]  
1 - 100-108771 [redacted]  
1 - 100-110940 [redacted]  
1 - 100-98940 [redacted]  
1 - 100-2935 (TWO)  
1 - 100-8522 (ALP)  
1 - 100-26603-C 1445 (MASPETH SECTION)  
1 - 100-100921 [redacted]  
1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)  
1 - 100-4931 (CP, USA)  
1 - 100-89590 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
1 - 100-114746 (PEARL)  
1 - 100-67197 [redacted]  
1 - 100-77925 [redacted]  
1 - 100-77507 [redacted]  
1 - 100-82711 [redacted]  
1 - 100- [redacted]  
1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS)  
1 - 100-90237 [redacted]  
1 - 100-107255 [redacted]  
1 - 100-107176 [redacted]  
1 - 100-98144 [redacted]

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[redacted] was also supposed to be present but he had to attend an [redacted] instead. ~~(U)~~

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[redacted] was not present as she had [redacted]

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The Agenda of the meeting was as follows: ~~(U)~~

1. The CP dinner held by the Section at Italian IWO Hall, 25 Boerum St., Brooklyn was not a success as only 18 people were present but financially came out ahead \$8.00.
2. Registration for the CP began Tuesday, 11/10/53 and is to end 12/22/53.

Questions to be asked during the registration are as follows: ~~(U)~~

- a. Sex
- b. Age
- c. Time in CP
- d. National Origin
- e. Union
- f. Occupation, past and present
- g. Birthplace of parents
- h. If parents born in U.S., birthplace of grandparents
- i. If Jewish, indicate if Polish Jew, Russian Jew, etc.
- j. Has comrade attended industrial and colonization discussions.

[redacted] advised the CP is desirous of knowing the number of Jewish comrades in the CP. ~~(U)~~

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A regional officer in Queens, unnamed, will be sent to assist in the registration of comrades who refuse to re-register. ~~(U)~~

[redacted] advised that 36% of the Queens County CP have not paid their dues through September, 1953. ~~(U)~~

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CP member who refused to register last year will be contacted to register this year. ~~C~~ (U)

[ ] also reported a [ ] was held at the home of [ ] Informant reported [ ] has 2 cars. One is a new Mercury and the other has a NY license number, [ ] recently secured her driver's license. ~~C~~ (U)

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Those present at the [ ] were as follows: ~~C~~ (U)

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[ ] (previously identified by [ ] as the Far Rockaway Section Financial Director)

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According to the informant [ ] discussed the registration as set forth above. ~~C~~ (U)

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[ ] also reported [ ] basement is used for a meeting place but is also used for a [ ] ~~C~~ (U)

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[ ] received a call from [ ] who operates [ ] [ ] told the informant the FBI had visited him at his place of business. ~~C~~ (U)

Informant also reported [ ] visited [ ] and brought a bottle of whiskey with him. [ ] and [ ] previously were never too friendly according to the Informant. [ ] during his conversation with [ ] advised him of the visits he received from the FBI. ~~C~~ (U)

[ ] reported [ ] is now under suspicion for not having reported these contacts sooner. ~~C~~ (U)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

DATE: 11/27/53

Attached hereto for exhibit purposes is a report dated 11/17/53 furnished to the writer by [ ] on 11/20/53.

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The report is a copy of a typical registration form being used in the Maspeth CP section to register CP members for the 1954 CP registration.

It should be noted the form is numbered 1 through 10 on the left. However, members are registered 10 through 1. After each member has been registered the individual registration slip is cut off and put in a white envelope and sealed so that the information contained on the registration slip is not available to anyone else.

In addition to the Section Financial Directors, Club Organizers are also doing the registering. The registration slips will be turned into [ ] Regional Financial Director and Membership Director.

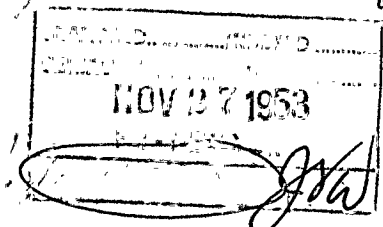
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The registration form also contains the following columns reading left to right at the top:

1. M - Male
2. F - Female
3. Age
4. Time - Time in CP
5. National Composition - Nationality
6. Occupation - Past and Present occupation
7. Mass Organization - Membership in Mass Organizations, Past and Present
8. Trade Union, full name, local and international
9. Special Questions - Attendance at industrial Concentration and Colonization discussions and appointed by FBI

- 1 - [ ]
- 1 - 100-108503 [ ]
- 1 - 100-110940 [ ]
- 1 - 100-108771 [ ]
- 1 - 100-26603-C41 (QUEENS CP)
- 1 - 100-26603 (CP, USA - DISTRICT #2)
- 1 - 100-81338 (SECURITY MEASURES)
- 1 - 100-77925 [ ]
- 1 - 100-26603-C1445 (MASPETH CP SECTION)

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MEMO:  
NY 100-80638

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The registration form attached as an exhibit sets forth data contained on the actual 1954 CP registration slips for the following comrades who the informant has been able to identify:

#10.  
#8.  
#7.

A rectangular black box used to redact information, likely names, corresponding to the list of comrades.

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The registration form also contains the number or name of the club and section and also contains a registration form number.

The registration form is maintained as Exhibit #  in 

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IF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS USED IN A REPORT, IT IS REQUESTED THE INFORMATION BE PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

FBI, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)

12/4/53

DIRECTOR, FBI

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP. IS-C. DAYLET.

AIR-TEL

AM-REG.

GROUP OF THE WAREHOUSE SECTION OF THE CP IN SAN FRANCISCO MET IN SF ON 11/25/53.

A MEMBER OF THE GROUP, NOTIFIED MEMBERS PRESENT THAT THE NEW

REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF CP MEMBERS WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 11/15/53 AND 12/25/53. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MOST LOGICAL TIME FOR THIS GROUP REGISTRATION WILL BE 12/9/53, AT WHICH TIME EACH MEMBER WILL BE INTERVIEWED PRIVATELY BY A WAREHOUSE SECTION OFFICIAL. AT THIS MEETING THERE ALSO WILL BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 1954 AND ALL MEMBERS WERE REQUESTED TO GIVE THOUGHT TO THESE PROSPECTIVES AND BRING IN SUGGESTIONS. MEMBERS ALSO WERE REMINDED THAT THE RATES FOR DUES AND SUSTAINERS MUST BE FOLLOWED RELIGIOUSLY BEGINNING WITH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS SOME MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THE STIPULATED AMOUNT OF DUES AND SOME HAVE NOT PAID ANYTHING ON SUSTAINERS.

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WHK:hko

cc: 100-34166 (DAYLET)

cc: NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, HONOLULU (ALL AM-REG.)

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CP, USA, DISTRICT #2, NY DIVISION; IS-C, BROOK COUNTY, DAYLET.

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SECTION ORGANIZER OF CP, BROOK COUNTY ON 12/7/53

THAT OVER 1,000 PARTY MEMBERS AND FORMER PARTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY FBI IN BROOK COUNTY, NY. [REDACTED] DID NOT SAY WHAT PERIOD THIS COVERED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE

CP HAS NO IDEA WHAT SUCCESS THE FBI HAS MET NOT IS NOT PESSIMISTIC. THE CP FEELS THAT DIRECTOR HOO' R'S RECENT ARTICLE IN "THIS WEEK" MAGAZINE INDICATED TH T THE FBI DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH SUCCESS "IN STOPPING PEOPLE AND ENLISTING THEM AS STOOL PIGS". [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT "THE TRASH HAS ALREADY LEFT THE PARTY AND WHAT REMAINS IS GENUINE".

[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE CURRENT REGISTRATION DRIVE IN THE

[REDACTED] SECTION IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, BUT ONE PERSON HAVING THIS FAR REFUSED TO RE-REGISTER AS A PARTY MEMBER. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN UTILIZING THIS INFO. TO AVOID COMPROMISING THE INFORMANT.

BOARDMAN

3 - BUREAU (100-2-4) (REGULAR)

1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
① - BY 100-80638 (CP-MEMBERSHIP)  
1 - BY 100-80641 (CP-ORGANIZATION)  
1 - NY 100-52710 [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE December 8, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is attached herewith for the information of the New York Office a Photostat of the estimated Communist Party membership as of September 30, 1953, by Communist Party district, by state and by field division. These figures are based on the periodical estimates made by the various field offices and this information is being furnished only for the information of the New York Office and should not be incorporated in the next quarterly report on the Communist Party, USA, on a national basis.

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ESTIMATED  
COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP  
September 30, 1953  
As of ~~September 30, 1952~~

District 1				States		
379	Boston	395	19	Maine	72	Alabama
16	Albany		16	New Hampshire	93	Arizona
			300	Mass.	26	Arkansas
			16	Vermont	3434	California
			44	Rhode Island	134	Colorado
District 2				350	Connecticut	
11,642	New York	12,000	12,000	New York	4	Delaware
196	Albany				160	District of Col.
162	Buffalo				78	Florida
District 3				18	Georgia	
868	Philadelphia	872	868	East Penn.	30	Idaho
4	Baltimore		4	Delaware	1485	Illinois
District 4				260	Indiana	
170	Baltimore	330	170	Maryland	25	Iowa
160	Washington F.O.		160	District of Columbia	14	Kansas
District 5				22	Kentucky	
280	Pittsburgh	280	280	West. Penn.	31	Louisiana
District 6				19	Maine	
591	Cleveland	712	680	Ohio	170	Maryland
89	Cincinnati		22	Kentucky	300	Massachusetts
22	Louisville		10	W. Va.	350	Michigan
10	Pittsburgh-(4 Counties in W. Va.)				361	Minnesota
District 7				3	Mississippi	
350	Detroit	350	350	Michigan	178	Missouri
District 8				42	Montana	
1387	Chicago	1585	1485	Illinois	25	Nebraska
98	Springfield		100	Indiana (Lake Co.)	14	Nevada
100	Indianapolis				16	New Hampshire
District 9				856	New Jersey	
412	Minneapolis	412	361	Minnesota	26	New Mexico
			24	North Dakota	12,000	New York
			27	South Dakota	57	North Carolina
District 10				24	North Dakota	
160	Indianapolis	160	160	Indiana	680	Ohio
District 11				53	Oklahoma	
99	Portland	99	99	Oregon	99	Oregon
District 12				1148	Pennsylvania	
473	Seattle	480	473	Washington	44	Rhode Island
7	Anchorage		7	Alaska	11	South Carolina
District 13				27	South Dakota	
1087	San Francisco	3556	3434	California	22	Tennessee
2204	Los Angeles		93	Arizona	154	Texas
143	San Diego		14	Nevada	43	Utah
14	Salt Lake City		15	Hawaii	16	Vermont
93	Phoenix				40	Virginia
15	Honolulu				473	Washington
856	Newark	856	856	New Jersey	93	West Virginia
District 14				325	Wisconsin	
350	New Haven	350	350	Connecticut	0	Wyoming
District 15						
325	Milwaukee	325	325	Wisconsin		
District 16						
134	Denver	168	134	Colorado		
26	Albuquerque		26	New Mexico		
8	El Paso		0	Wyoming		
			8	Texas		
Territories						
				7	Alaska	
				15	Hawaii	
				68	Puerto Rico	
TOTAL				23,995		

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District 21		
145 Saint Louis	178	178 Missouri
33 Kansas City		
District 22		
83 Pittsburgh	83	83 West Virginia
District 23		
72 Houston	146	146 Texas
33 San Antonio		
41 Dallas		
District 24		
31 New Orleans	31	31 Louisiana
District 25		
78 Miami	78	78 Florida
0 Mobile		
District 26		
21 Richmond	40	40 Virginia
19 Norfolk		
District 27		
50 Birmingham	97	72 Alabama
4 Knoxville		3 Mississippi
19 Memphis		22 Tennessee
2 New Orleans		
22 Mobile		
District 28		
53 Oklahoma	79	53 Oklahoma
26 Little Rock		26 Arkansas
District 29		
59 Charlotte	68	57 North Carolina
9 Savannah		11 South Carolina
District 30		
72 Butte	72	42 Montana
		30 Idaho
District 31		
14 Atlanta	18	18 Georgia
4 Savannah		
District 32		
50 Omaha	64	25 Nebraska
14 Kansas City		25 Iowa
		14 Kansas
District 35		
43 Salt Lake City	43	43 Utah
Territories		
7 Anchorage*		7 Alaska
15 Honolulu**		15 Hawaii
68 San Juan		68 Puerto Rico

Division	
212	Albany
26	Albuquerque
7	Anchorage
14	Atlanta
174	Baltimore
50	Birmingham
379	Boston
162	Buffalo
72	Butte
59	Charlotte
1387	Chicago
89	Cincinnati
591	Cleveland
41	Dallas
134	Denver
350	Detroit
8	El Paso
15	Honolulu
72	Houston
260	Indianapolis
47	Kansas City
4	Knoxville
26	Little Rock
2204	Los Angeles
22	Louisville
19	Memphis
78	Miami
325	Milwaukee
412	Minneapolis
22	Mobile
856	Newark
350	New Haven
33	New Orleans
11,642	New York
19	Norfolk
53	Oklahoma City
50	Omaha
868	Philadelphia
93	Phoenix
373	Pittsburgh
99	Portland
21	Richmond
145	St. Louis
57	Salt Lake City
33	San Antonio
143	San Diego
1087	San Francisco
68	San Juan
13	Savannah
473	Seattle
98	Springfield
160	Washington, D. C.

\*This figure is also computed in District 12.

\*\*This figure is also computed in District 13.

TOTAL 23,995

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 12/8/53

Attached hereto as an exhibit is a leaflet addressed to all Party Clubs concerning the 1954 CP registration and furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 11/30/53.

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The leaflet was received by the informant from [redacted] at a [redacted]

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The leaflet is maintained as exhibit #/ 576 , 100-80638.

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-26603-041 (QUEENS CP)
- 1 - 100-81752 (CP, USA - BUFILE)
- 1 - 100-26603 (CP, USA DISTRICT #2)
- 1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)

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JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA (100-26603)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT NUMBER 2  
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On 12/3/53, SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO purchased a copy of Volume One, Number Eight of "Party Voice," dated November, 1953, at the Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th Street, NYC.

This copy is being retained as an exhibit as serial 1a6353 of 100-26603.

Four copies of this issue have been furnished to the Bureau.

A review of the issue discloses the following articles:

"An Experience in Basic Industry"	page 2
- by GEORGE SMITH	
"Some Comments on this Experience by the Section Committee"	page 3
"An Editorial Statement to Our Readers"	page 4
"The New York Election Results"	page 5
- Analysis by the NY State Committee of the CP	
"The Attempted Murder of ROBERT THOMPSON"	page 8
- by WILLIAM Z. POSTER	

- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. POSTER)
- 1 - NY 100-new (DAN GROSSO)
- 1 - NY 100-116678 (JERRY HARRIS)
- 1 - NY 100-new (MAX KUTTER)
- 1 - NY 100-new (PAUL SEER)
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- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT G. THOMPSON)
- 1 - NY 100-new (LEON TORRES)
- 1 - NY 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
- 1 - NY 100-80633 (CP, USA - EDUCATION)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
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CP-USA, DISTRICT 5, PITTSBURGH DIVISION MEMBERSHIP; IS-C. [ ] OF KNOWN  
 RELIABILITY, ADVISED BY WRITTEN REPORT RECEIVED BY SA RUSSELL M. GYNNIE, 12/9/53,  
 THAT WHILE ATTENDING A DISTRICT 5, CP, HILL SECTION, MEETING, PITTSBURGH, IT WAS  
 MADE KNOWN THAT 184 CP MEMBERS HAD BEEN REGISTERED FOR 1954, WHICH CONSTITUTES  
 62 PERCENT OF THE ANTICIPATED MEMBERSHIP FOR DISTRICT 5 FOR 1954. ON 12/11/53  
 [ ] ADVISED BY WRITTEN REPORT RECEIVED BY SA RUSSELL M. GYNNIE THAT A MEETING  
 OF DISTRICT 5, CP, UNDERGROUND BOARD WAS HELD AT [ ]  
 12/10/53, AND AT THIS MEETING IT WAS MADE KNOWN THAT 219 DISTRICT 5, CP, MEMBERS  
 HAD BEEN REGISTERED FOR 1954. AN ANALYSIS OF THIS FIGURE INDICATES THAT IF 184  
 MEMBERS REPRESENT 62 PERCENT, THEN THE ANTICIPATED MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT 5, CP,  
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 THUS INDICATES THAT THE CP MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION IN DISTRICT 5 IS 74 1/2 PERCENT  
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CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of the 1954 CP registration form being used in the Queens County CP to register members.

The registration form was furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASER on 12/9/53 by

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The registration form contains the following headings across the top reading left to right:

M	Male
F	Female
Age	Age
Length of time	Length of time CP member has been in CP
National Composition	Nationality
Occupation	Comrade's present occupation
Mass Organization (now)	Name of mass organization in which the comrade is now a member
Trade Union (Full name-Local and International - Now)	The name of the trade union, local or international to which the comrade belongs or is a member
Special Question	"Have you ever been visited by the FBI?"

The registration form also contains space for the name of the CP Club and Section at the bottom of the form.

Each registration form is also numbered.

At the left of the 1954 CP registration form are columns numbered 1 through 10 beginning at the top and reading to the bottom.

After each comrade has been registered, each numbered registration slip is cut off and put into a white envelope, sealed and immediately turned over to the Regional Financial Director.

No names appear on the registration.

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On the reverse side of the registration, space is provided for the answers to the following questions:

1. Has the CP member participated in industrial concentration and colonization discussions?
2. What is the CP member's former occupation and union affiliation?
3. Is the CP member's home available for use by the CP?

The name of the CP club and section to which the CP member is assigned is also noted on the front of the registration at the extreme left before the numbers 1 through 10.

The photostatic 1954 CP registration form is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

The original 1954 CP registration form furnished by [redacted] is being maintained as exhibit # [redacted], NY file [redacted].

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York DATE: 12/11/53  
 FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-26603-C44)  
 SUBJECT: CP, District #2  
 Tri County Section  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A report dated 11/17/53 was received by the writer on 11/23/53 from [redacted]

This report, of three pages, concerns the 11/17/53 meeting of the newly formed Tri County Section, Political Action Branch. The members of this branch previously selected by [redacted] who at one time had identified herself to the informant as being [redacted] were [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] have not been identified by the informant. [redacted] operates the [redacted] for children between the ages of seven and 16 which school is sponsored by the Committee for a Progressive Jewish Education. The phone number referred to is Yonkers 8-2828. the office number of the [redacted] where [redacted] is currently employed. [redacted] mentioned on page three of the informant's report is believed by the informant to be either [redacted] or [redacted] with whom arrangements were being made to deliver the "Daily Worker".

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 1 - 100-87551 [redacted]  
 1 - 100-113104 [redacted]  
 1 - 100-104136 [redacted]  
 1 - 100-100192 [redacted]  
 1 - 100-26603 (CP, District #2, Tri County Section, P.A.B.)  
 1 - 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")  
 1 - 100-107111 (ROSENBERG COMMITTEE)  
 1 - 100-107759 (YONKERS COMMITTEE FOR PEACE)  
 1 - 100-80633 (CPUSA Education)  
 1 - 100-74560 (CPUSA Funds)  
 1 - 100-80635 (CPUSA Jewish Activities)  
 1 - 100-95583 (CPUSA Line)  
 1 - 100-102697 (COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS)  
 ① 1 - 100-80638 (CPUSA Membership)  
 1 - 100-80641 (CPUSA Organization)  
 1 - 100-81675 (CPUSA Pamphlets & Publications)  
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Marion \_\_\_\_\_ (appears on page 1 of informant's report)

Inez \_\_\_\_\_ (appears on page 1 of informant's report)

The Contemporary Reader (appears on page 3 of Informant's report)

A copy of the informant's report is attached. The original may be found in NY file [ ] as serial [ ] .

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Developmental Facts - [redacted]

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As previously reported our branch was scheduled to meet tonight at the home of Comrade [redacted] for the purpose of further developing the ideas brought forth at our previous meeting. I arrived a half hour late with a pre-planned excuse that I was unable to locate the house because of the fact that I was under the erroneous impression that it was located on [redacted] rather than on [redacted]. I planned it this way for the purpose of observing certain reactions of a purely personal interest and not necessary to go into here in terms of any material relevancy to this report.

I was greeted at the door by Comrades [redacted] and [redacted] professed surprise at seeing me and inquired as to the reason for my presence. [redacted] cleared the matter up conveniently and his affected curiosity was satisfied. As I entered the meeting room Comrades [redacted] and [redacted] were in conference. Comrade [redacted] gave me a wink of approval and my explanations for my tardiness were readily accepted. As Comrades [redacted] and [redacted] discussed the names of [redacted] and [redacted] were mentioned. At his point Comrade [redacted] felt compelled to mention that she must go over and visit Comrade [redacted] made a remark as regards the name of the branch to which Comrade [redacted] belonged but the specific name escaped me. Comrade [redacted] informed me that I knew where and how I could contact her if necessary and I nodded assent. At this point I would like to dwell on this particular point. It is apparently a well accepted fact among all of the Party members of this branch that Comrade [redacted] is to be contacted at her working phone number. From the conversation I determined that this is a pattern for other branch members as well. It is obvious, therefore that Comrade [redacted] job serves as a convenient [redacted] for Communist Party operations in this locality. Comrade [redacted] departed after leaving instructions with [redacted] that the branch was not to discuss the pre-planned [redacted] report but rather an article pertaining to an analysis of the previous elections that appeared in an issue of the Daily Worker. The particular pages of the paper involved were page ten and fifteen. We took turns reading aloud and discussed as we read.

The discussion to say the least was most boring but apparently necessary and offered little except the regularly narrow Communist Party Line on the elections. Anything that appeared to me to be of any significance will be herein reported.

#### Registration of Branch Members

Comrade [ ] proceeded to register the members of our branch and began with Comrade [ ] who was given the go ahead sign to become a member of the branch while he attempted to get in on our conversation, by Comrade [ ] at the very beginning of our meeting. Comrade [ ] by the way left at the inception of our branch meeting.

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In registering [ ] as a Communist Party member, [ ] stated that he has been a member of the Communist Party for a period of [ ] years, that he is the [ ] [ ] that he is a member of the Rosenberg Committee. He paid three dollars and seventy five cents in dues and is currently paid up through the month of December as is also his wife.

For some reason or other [ ] registration happened so fast that I hardly realized it had happened even with the very deliberate intent on my part to acquire the information. Obviously Comrade [ ] registration was a most inadequate and brief one for the purpose known best to Comrades [ ] and [ ] I in no way demonstrated my displeasure.

Comrade [ ] stated her age as being [ ] [ ] stated that she is a member of the Yonkers Peace Committee. In this connection she stated that she has refused to become an officer of the Yonkers Peace Committee for some reason. Her statements indicate to me that the Yonkers Peace Committee is still a functional organization and would seem to contradict on the surface statements to the effect that the Yonkers Peace Committee is a dead organization made by Comrade [ ] I am therefore confronted with contradictory statements regarding the Yonkers Peace Committee. It would seem to me therefore that the Yonkers Peace Committee may actually be in existence in an organizational form but that their overt activities have ceased. I must therefore assume by Comrade [ ] statement that the Yonkers Peace Committee is an existing organization operating on a covert basis.

My registration took place immediately after Comrade [redacted] and my dues are now paid up through December. I am also paid up on Literature.

[redacted] registered herself immediately after my registration. The following facts emerged. Comrade [redacted] was born and educated in [redacted]. She came to American soil in 1929. Somehow or other she was active on an Executive Committee of the Communist Party in France during the period 1936-9 when she actively participated in the Popular Front Movement. On her return to America thereafter she became a [redacted]

Some of [redacted] statements

The Communist Party has been reduced to a hard core. We must think in terms of a very limited membership, just a few hundred. Most party members are under indictment and those members contacted by the Federal Bureau of Information have just dropped out of sight and contact. Some of them are more than a year in arrears in dues. Dues are very important to the Communist Party. Those members who have dropped out have made efforts to contact the Party but they are not taken in.

There are only [redacted] negroes in the local Communist Party. [redacted] knows only [redacted] of them and these [redacted] have already registered. One of them is a very old man who is incapable of work.

[redacted] knows of no place in Westchester where the Daily Worker is being sold on the newstands. The process of acquiring copies of the Worker at the present time is a tedious one of contacts. Every effort must be made to put the Worker on the stands in Westchester.

All members of our branch must read the November twenty second issue of the Worker. There will be no discussion this week on Andrew Steven's report. Comrade [redacted] will lead said discussion at our next meeting in two weeks on Wednesday at [redacted] home. The main political concentration of the Communist Party will be within the Democratic Party.

1954 elections will be influenced in these terms. [redacted] attended last session of the County and was unable to attend the section meeting which was held on the same day. [redacted] is therefore of County significance. Quite a few Party members are being deported. "I wouldn't mind it if I were deported." [redacted] has a child [redacted] years of age. [redacted] placed the dues in a two by three inch envelope which contained a very substantial number of bills. She indicated that this money was strictly Communist Party money and it again points up [redacted] importance and trustworthiness as a Party member. "We would all like the revolution to happen overnight, but you must learn to be patient." This last remark addressed to [redacted]

On reply to a question put by Comrade [redacted] as to how many members are there in the Communist Party on a national scale, [redacted] said "It is not for you to know, J. Edgar Hoover's estimates indicate that he is fishing. National figures are given only on a national level of the party and at no time are these figures passed down to lower levels of the party. State, County, and section figures operate on the same principle."

"We must risk recruiting new members even if they turn out to be members of the F.B.I. We have got to take this risk because we are otherwise in an isolated position."

#### Miscellaneous Information

Comrade [redacted] stated that our branch will be called a Political Action Branch and that our activities will not necessarily be limited to the title. This title is being used for want of a better name.

Comrade [redacted] stated that one of the objectives of the branch at this time is to move within the Republican organization and attack [redacted] and [redacted] I stated that this would be a difficult proposition in my ward because most of the members are hired at the race track.

Comrade [redacted] was again smoking a cigarette.

[redacted] didn't contact [redacted] on the Worker proposition.

[redacted] stated that our local Communist Party has a lot of members whose first names are [redacted] I am to use the name [redacted] in any new contacts with branch members via phone etc. Using the telephone for contacts is frowned upon. The phone should be used only to contact Comrade [redacted]

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Comrade [ ] received a letter of praise from [ ] for one of his stories. [ ] gave me a copy of the contemporary reader, March 1953 issue in which his story entitled the Welders appears on page 58. The magazine is published at 35 West 64th St. Single copy seventy five cents. Editorial Committee - Mack Berk, Benjamin Brown, Victor R. Bull, Edwin Berry Burgum, William Hayett, Abraham Polonsky, Florence Van Swearengen; Play Reading Committee - Lester Cole, Howard Da Silva, Milroy Ingram, Ellsworth Wright,

[ ] In response to questions raised on Zionism, [ ] gave me two copies of Political Affairs, June and July issues 1953.

"If our branch concentrates solely on education at the present time we will be functioning satisfactorily" said [ ]

[ ] has a [ ] neighbor on whom she can depend in case of trouble even though said neighbor not Communist.

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 12/14/53

FROM : PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, SA (100-26603-C44)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT #2  
Tri-County Section  
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A report dated November 9, 1953 was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] by the writer on November 12, 1953. The report consists of 6 typewritten pages which are a summary of the informant's activity on [redacted] at a meeting of a newly formed [redacted] of the [redacted] Section.

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1-NY 100-26873  
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1-NY 100-74048  
1-NY 100-73665  
1-NY 100-102137  
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1-NY 100-23125  
1-NY 100-104136  
1-NY 100-100192  
1-NY 100-51082  
1-NY 100-26603- (Tri-County Section - Political Action Branch)  
1-NY 100-26603-C427 (Tri-County Section - Yonkers)  
1-NY 100-26603-C1431 (Tri-County Section - Carpet Branch)  
1-NY 100-8522 (Cominfil ALP)  
1-NY 100-80633 (CP, USA-Education)  
1-NY 100-98860 (CP, USA-Attacks Against FBI)  
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA -Funds)  
1-NY 100-80635 (CP, USA-Jewish Activities)  
1-NY 100-102697 (Cominfil Mass Organizations)  
1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)  
1-NY 100-80641 (CP, USA-Organization)  
1-NY 100-81675 (CP, USA-Pamphlets & Publications)  
1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA-Political Activities)  
1-NY 100-81338 (CP, USA-Security Measures)  
1-NY 100-4931 (CP, USA)  
1-NY 100-54651 (CP, USA-Nationality Groups)  
1-NY 100-10285 (L'Unito del Popolo)  
1-NY 100-51820 (Jefferson School for Social Science)  
1-NY 100-107111 (Rosenberg Committee)

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[redacted] mentioned. had at one time identified herself to the informant as the [redacted]  
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are other members of the newly formed [redacted]  
[redacted] which branch has for its purpose the infiltration of the major political parties. [redacted] mentioned on page [redacted] of the Informants report. is believed by the informant to be [redacted] and the [redacted] is probably [redacted] mentioned has been identified to the informant as being the [redacted]  
[redacted] was identified to the informant as [redacted] mentioned on page [redacted] as being known as [redacted] was not further identified. but is believed to be [redacted] subject of NY file [redacted] and accordingly a copy of this report is being placed in that file.

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"Party Voice"

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Facts and Developments Regarding [redacted] and The Communist Party, [redacted]

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On Preliminary Factors

I acted in accord with the facts pointed out in my last report and at the appointed time and place I met Comrade [redacted] and we proceeded in her shabby vehicle to our point of destination. However, before we could arrive half way the vehicle we were riding in refused to function. Comrade [redacted] phoned ahead notifying the interested parties that there would be delay in our arrival at the place of meeting. The car was left to be repaired at a service station and we proceeded to our destination via taxi. We arrived at our destination approximately a half hour late,

The Meeting Place

Our taxi pulled up in the [redacted] area at [redacted]. Comrade [redacted] rang the doorbell above which was the name [redacted]. We proceeded up one flight of stairs and Comrade [redacted] opened the door on the left. We were led into a beautiful living room, well furnished with a magnificent radio cabinet to the tune of a beautiful Bethoven violin symphony. Comrade [redacted] immediately went over to speak to the hostess whom I had already been informed was named [redacted]. [redacted] did not speak to me and vice versa. I sat down and made myself as comfortable as possible under the circumstances and picked up a copy of the National Guardian and looked at the pictures. I commented that my hands had been dirtied in my efforts to repair the vehicle and [redacted] ushered me into the bathroom, provided me with a towel and I washed up. At this time Comrade [redacted] entered the apartment. We nodded greetings and she expressed a false surprise at seeing me. Comrade [redacted] then introduced me to [redacted] the woman whom she had only previously described to me as [redacted] meaning [redacted]. We chatted about the cause of our delay and in the preliminary cross conversation a number of significant facts and names emerged. These names and facts will be mentioned under their appropriate headings in this report.

## The Meeting

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Comrade [ ] suggested to Comrade [ ] that we begin the meeting at which time Comrade [ ] took over and actually directed the meeting from beginning to end. She opened in typical fashion, "Comrades, this particular branch has a wonderful opportunity to carry out the Draft Resolution."

## Opening Facts

"Each member of this branch is in a position to work among a major political party. Before we go any further I want each one of you to speak briefly of your status in these parties in order that each member of the branch may become acquainted with your status."

I humurously suggested that Comrade [ ] be the first to speak and she did.

On Comrade [ ] attempts to Infiltrate the Democratic Party in the Ninth Ward

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There have been approximately [ ] members of the Democratic Party in the [ ] who had disaffiliated themselves from the party on the basis of the Democratic Party leader, one [ ] connection with the operations of the Yonkers Raceway who at this time are in the public eye in terms of various investigations being conducted in its regard. [ ] contact with the Democratic Party has been with a member of this independent group. [ ] pointed out that this group would be completely ineffective alone and she is happy that the group has decided to come back within the Democratic fold so that she may work with them within the Democratic organization. It is obvious to me that [ ] intends to exploit this split element to her own ends, Communist Party ends. Her contact is one [ ] I recall her having mentioned that [ ] is not a Communist but a member of the American Labor Party. I could not immediately understand this [ ] position in the Democratic Party because of the confusing remarks [ ] made in her regard. For instance she claimed that [ ] once embarrassed her before a group of people by shouting that [ ] Communist. But it appears that this episode is now in the past and that [ ] and [ ] are now on the best of terms. Comrade [ ]

[redacted] also pointed out that American Labor Party Candidate [redacted] complained to [redacted] that he lost votes by associating with the American Labor Party. [redacted] pointed out that she knows of American Labor Party members who did not vote for [redacted] but gave write-in votes to the write-in candidate. Comrade [redacted] pointed out that this was perfectly valid since American Labor Party members had received no instructions. Communist Party instructions, on how to vote for councilman. [redacted] declared that the Ninth Ward is our best ward. This is understandable when one realizes that [redacted] makes no distinction between the American Labor Party and the Communist Party except for Communist Front purposes. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] received one hundred and thirty five votes and that he expected one hundred and fifty since he had previously received that number when he ran on the Republican ticket.

On the basis of her report, [redacted] present aims are to join the Democratic Party's Ninth Ward Organization.

On [redacted] Infiltration of the Republican Party

[redacted] gave a brief history of his development in the Republican Party and pointed out that he has contacts with many leaders on the ward, city and county level. Both [redacted] and [redacted] pointed out to [redacted] that he is far ahead of them in his infiltration activities and that he would be of great assistance to them in theirs.

On [redacted] Attempts to Infiltrate the Democratic Party in the [redacted] Ward.

[redacted] discussion made clear that her attempts to infiltrate the Democratic party in her ward are in the most elementary theoretical stages. She is afraid of one woman, a Jewish liberal, who knows her to be very left. However [redacted] is hoping that this woman has no connection with the Democratic Party.

Discussion

A brief discussion then took place in which it was agreed that [redacted] would attempt to get a Ward map of Yonkers from American Labor Party.

## Communist Party Marxist Education Plan

The political orientation having been given in accordance with Comrade [ ] instructions, Comrade [ ] continued with the meeting by outlining a new plan in the Communist Educational Departments instructions. A lecturer by the name of [ ] (this was corrected by [ ] to [ ] is being made available for Marxist instruction for a period of twenty weeks. This instructor is to be paid twenty dollars a night and classes will be held on Sunday evenings. Comrade [ ] is currently attempting to find a place where these classes may be held. She stated that she would like this place to be midway between Yonkers and White Plains. Each branch is to elect one member to attend these classes and these classes will consist of twenty members to be divided into two groups of ten for the purpose of the participants receiving better attention on the part of the instructor. Students will come from Sullivan, Rockland and Westchester Counties. Non-Communist students will be allowed to attend because it is to appear that the course is being given by the Jefferson School and not by the Communist Party. Each member attending classes will pay a dollar fee for each class. The other day available for the classes was given as Friday but for some reason Sunday was chosen.

[ ] could not see the logic of this plan because of the number of branches involved. She stated that presently there are six functional branches in operation. Comrade [ ] pointed out that besides these six functional branches there are two more branches on the agenda which are about to function and that finally there will be ten branches. The issue in question was in no way resolved in a logical fashion however and I was left uncertain as to how it would be reconciled.

## On the County Meeting of the Communist Party

Comrade [ ] proceeded to state that a County Meeting of the Communist Party is to take place next week for the purpose of the Reorganization of Yonkers. Comrade [ ] immediately interrupted to state that said Reorganizational Meeting is to take place this week to which Comrade [ ] replied, "Don't worry, I'll be there."

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### Plenum Session of National Leaders of the Communist Party

Comrade [ ] proceeded to point out that there is a lot of talk that the Federal Bureau of Information can pick up members of the Communist Party within twenty four hours yet only recently there was held a Plenum Session of the National Leaders of the Communist Party and had the vaunted Federal Bureau of Information known about it, they would have picked up every member. This meeting of the Plenum Session, Comrade [ ] pointed out occurred somewhere in the United States. She mentioned that it could have been San Francisco, Colorado, or even Yonkers. The name of [ ] came up in this connection and Comrade [ ] stated that she frankly didn't know who he was.

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### On the Question of a Branch Organizer

Every branch will elect a branch organizer who is to attend Section meetings. Our branch will elect one next week.

### On Communist Party Registration

Communist Party Registration will begin next Monday. All members of our branch will have to see that they register at the next meeting.

### On Rotation of Meeting Days

It was unanimously voted by the members of our branch that meeting days be rotated. It was also voted that this suggestion be made to groups attending Section Meetings so that they may also rotate accordingly the days on which they will meet. Our branch therefore will meet next Tuesday at the home of [ ]

### On the Payment of Dues

I paid one dollar in dues to [ ] who recorded it. [ ] also paid her dues to [ ] Comrade [ ] pointed out that I didn't have to pay the full dollar because I come under the [ ] that all I had to pay was fifteen cents with some sort of retroactivity attached. [ ] paid one dollar and a quarter, the same amount [ ] pays.

### On Literature

Each member of the branch was given a copy of New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy by Andrew Stevens, cost twenty five cents. This booklet is to serve as the basis of our branch discussion at our next meeting. The member of the branch attending the Section meeting, presumably [redacted] is to lead the discussion. I was also given a copy of Political Affairs, October Issue, and a copy of Masses & Mainstream, October Issue. [redacted] then took orders for ensuing issues of this magazine which were ordered by both [redacted] and I. [redacted] then flatly stated that I wanted a copy of Party Voice and I didn't object. [redacted] will not receive a copy of the Daily Worker from [redacted] because [redacted] is already overburdened with distributing it to others. [redacted] is to make arrangements with a [redacted] to see that Comrade [redacted] is able to have a copy of the Daily Worker for me which is to be wrapped in a paper bag. I am to pick it up at [redacted] Comrade [redacted] stated that [redacted] can be trusted and that he has been a member of the Communist Party for a considerable length of time.

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### On the Importance of this Branch

"This branch is one of the two most important branches in the area." The quoted sentence is a reproduction of [redacted] words.

### Additional Miscellaneous, Relevant or Pertinent Facts

1. [redacted] husband is named [redacted] He is a Communist Party member and his branch will meet next week at [redacted] apartment. [redacted] is currently attempting to [redacted] This is specifically against Communist Party wishes for him in this area. [redacted] will so inform him.

2. [redacted] is an [redacted] in the [redacted]

3. The names of [ ] and [ ] were used in conversations between [ ] and [ ]

4. The big man is [ ] Comrade [ ] that is [ ] sees him for instructions. When Comrade [ ] informed me that [ ] would like to meet me, I asked who he was and of course she refused to tell me. I said that I know [ ] but that I have heard of [ ] Comrade [ ] replied that [ ] not here any more."

5. My copy of L'Unita Del Popolo is mailed to [ ] each month.

6. [ ] is new in this area. She came from the [ ] where she was active in Peace Work and other Communist Party Activities. [ ] registered as an Independent before and this last time she registered as a Democrat. [ ] is about [ ] five years old, about five foot three, wears peculiar earrings, is a brunette (light brown hair) buxome, habit of [ ] as she speaks. It appears that the [ ] She will lead our branch. She keeps the [ ]

7. Comrade [ ] stated that there are now [ ] members in her branch, the Carpet Branch and that this will have to be split up into at least two branches. [ ] members attended the last meeting.

8. The Rosenberg Committee still operating. A mail distribution is currently under way. [ ] is on this committee as well as a fellow named [ ] a woman named [ ] didn't show up to work on the committee and will hear from [ ]

9. On the Federal Bureau of Information

[ ] stated that the F.B.I. has been active in the area of her residence. A woman neighbor informed her that a man acting as an insurance agent regarding jewelry questioned her on the [ ] "Insurance agent my eye!



"Who do they think they're kidding?" There is no doubt in [redacted] mind that said insurance agent was an F.B.I. agent checking up on her. There is no doubt in [redacted] mind according to her own words that she is on the F.B.I. list.

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[redacted] also stated that every house in the [redacted] has been covered by the F.B.I. I informed her that to date the F.B.I. has in no way questioned me." That's the way we want to keep you," said [redacted] That's a good point for you to remember," said [redacted] That's one of the reasons we pulled him out of the [redacted] fast," replied [redacted]

10. Comrade [redacted] has purchased a 1951 Chevrolet. She drove it to New York last night with a friend. Comrade [redacted] has moved to a house [redacted] [redacted] plans to drive this car to a meeting Monday. [redacted] will accompany.

11. Comrade [redacted] knows the Rockland County Organizer well.

12. [redacted] has informed me that [redacted] has contributed a sum of 500 dollars to a Marcantonio fund in the past. He contributed 400 dollars another time to a Rosenberg Committee appeal and has contributed other large sums to Communist causes. Comrade [redacted] complained that [redacted] first duty is to the Communist Party, that he only contributed seventy five dollars. She criticized [redacted] as a Communist. He has his fingers stuck in every pie and accomplishes little. He doesn't stick to one assignment and follow it through. If I recall correctly I mentioned in a past report that [redacted] was being tried by the party.

13. Comrade [redacted] employed by [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted]

In her own words Comrade [redacted] informed me of the following facts; that she was employed by the [redacted] during the war, that she was cleared via loyalty check and given the responsibility of [redacted]

[redacted] Of course we all laughed.

14. [redacted] Fails Cigarette Test

After having given two cigarettes to Comrade [redacted] about to light a third for her was stopped. "When have you ever seen me smoke before?" [redacted] slightly taken aback ventured to state that it was his impression that he had seen Comrade [redacted] smoke before. "You don't notice things do you?" [redacted] "I'm sure I've seen you smoke before." [redacted] "Did you know my mother? I haven't touched a cigarette since." [redacted] "It certainly becomes you and looks most natural to you." By the way [redacted] noticed that [redacted] was smoking and remarked about it. Although [redacted] felt kind of sheepish I'm sure he didn't show it.

15. [redacted] again definitely called a Communist by [redacted]

16. A special branch infiltrating Jewish organizations.

17. [redacted] contacts [redacted]

18. [redacted] contacted by [redacted] for any A.L.P. infor.

19. [redacted] was a member of the Yonkers Peace Committee and did [redacted] involving [redacted]

20. [redacted] cancelled our meeting.

21. There are 1000 A.L.P. members in Yonkers according to [redacted]

22. Comrades [redacted] and [redacted] used the term "S.O.", (sounds like Esso the gas) frequently in their private cross conversation. They would refer to the S.O. as though it were a body. On examination it may mean "Security Organization" or the "Section Organizer". However aside from this my own personal speculation on the use of the term, I have no other basis for knowing what the term really means.

23. While Comrade [redacted] briefed the other members of the branch regarding [redacted] she made the erroneous statement that he had joined the Communist Party about a year and a half ago. [redacted] attempted to correct but noticing that Comrade [redacted] really did not desire the correction for some reason, he let the statement go unchallenged.

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24. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he would like to attend the classes to be held by the Jefferson School. She replied, "I know you would."

25. Comrade [redacted] stated that she frequently takes long trips that take approximately an hour an a half one way.

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EVERETT K. DEANE, SA (100-26603)

CP, USA  
DISTRICT #2  
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On 11/27/53, [redacted] furnished SA EVERETT K. DEANE with a copy of "Party Voice", Volume One, Number Seven, dated 10/15/53. This issue bears the statement that it is "a bulletin issued by the New York State Communist Party".

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The issue is being retained as an exhibit as serial 1B6349 of 100-26603.

A review of "Party Voice" discloses the following articles:

Build the Communist Party on the 34th Anniversary of the CP, USA - by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER - Page 2

Communists Lead the Mass Struggle: March 6 (From "History of the Communist Party of the United States" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) - Page 3

Role of the Party and Problems of Party Organization (Extracts from Chapter V of "New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy" by ANDREW STEVENS) - Page 4

Some Experiences of the Party among the Steel Workers - by DOMINICK SANTANI and STANLEY SMIT - Page 6

For a Policy of Recruiting into the Party - by CARL KENNER - Page 12

The Farmers of New York State - by LLOYD KERSH - Page 14

The Charney Signature Campaign - by EARL MICHAELS - Page 16

1 - 100- [redacted] (new)  
1 - 100- 9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)  
1 - 100-114917 [redacted]  
1 - 100- [redacted] (new)  
1 - 100- [redacted] (new)  
1 - 100- [redacted] (new)  
1 - 100- [redacted] (new)  
1 - 100-80634 (CP, USA - FARMERS' MATTERS)  
1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)  
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)  
1 - 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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DONALD P. ADAMS, SA (100-51820)

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
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[redacted] advised SA DONALD P. ADAMS that in the view of MATILDA LANDESMAN attendance at school dances of the Jefferson School of Social Science and other social affairs held by that organization was considered an excellent way to maintain contact with "progressives". It was also indicated that JOE NAHEM was a person who could be contacted in regard to affiliating with an LYL group.

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LANDESMAN, in discussing attendance of individuals at the People's Conference held on 10/24/53 by CRC in NYC, described the latter activity as being "very good and worthy" and for a certain type of activity connected with Party work. She indicated that there were those who must expose their Party membership by making pronouncements and defending the Party against attacks and also those who must keep their membership and views under cover.

One practical act that the latter type of person could perform was to distribute their old "Workers" and other literature on subways and in lavatories where people would find them.

LANDESMAN is now believed by the informant to be temporarily staying during the week at YWCA at Peekskill while she comes to NY weekends staying with her parents who reside in the Bronx. LANDESMAN has indicated to informant that she is employed as a linotype operator on a weekly newspaper in the Peekskill area but does not expect the employment to last very much longer.

Additional details concerning the subject's mention of the foregoing is set out in a typewritten report dated 11/16/53 prepared by the informant which is filed as Serial [redacted] of [redacted] and which must be paraphrased carefully in subsequent reporting in order that the identity of the informant may be fully protected.

- 1 - NY 100-104023 (MATILDA LANDESMAN)
- 1 - NY 100-80334 (JOE NAHEM)
- 1 - NY 100-95240 (LYL)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-80675 (CRC)

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SAC, Albany (100-9555)

CP, USA  
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On 12/10/53, [redacted] of known reliability, furnished agents of this office a copy of a two page letter (mimeographed) addressed to all Party Clubs and headed "To Be Read At All Club Meetings". This material was in the possession of [redacted] [redacted] was., presently operating as an Underground organizer in the eastern part of the Western Sub-District (District 2). This verbatim copy of the material is being sent to the Bureau, Buffalo and New York for informational purposes.

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see [redacted] dated 12-23-53*

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**"TO BE READ AT ALL CLUB MEETINGS**

**"TO ALL PARTY CLUBS.**

**"Dear Comrades:**

**"This is a brief message about the great significance of this year's Party registration and the tremendous meaning of the Party today.**

**"Our Party stands for a socialist system of society in the United States. Under socialism a new era would be opened up in human relations. Socialism is the only form of society that will end war, fascism, economic depression, poverty unemployment, the national oppression of the Negro people and discrimination against all national minorities and groups.**

**"The fight for socialism, devotion to the cause of the working class and of the Negro people is the basic reason why most of us joined the Party.**

**"How to understand the changing world is a question pressing upon every worker. Only the scientific theory of Marxism-Leninism can explain society as well as guide the workers toward changing society. The workers will turn to the ideas of socialism to the extent that we make socialist ideology systematically available to them.**

**"Our Party registration is an important step in the gathering, the consolidating, and the building of the forces making for Socialism in the United States.**

**The Fight for Peace and Democracy**

**"The main aim of the vanguard in this period, however, is to unite the working class and its allies in the fight for peace and against fascism. The whole future of mankind is bound up in this struggle. This program is analyzed in pamphlet form in the outstanding report to the recent National Party Conference by Comrade Stevens, entitled 'New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy'. Each Party member should get a copy of this powerful document on the new situation in the U.S.**

**"Some of the feature of this new situation are the rise of the powerful and increasingly effective sentiment for peace that helped force a truce in Korea. As a result of the Korean truce, the idea of the 'inevitability' of war with the Soviet Union is losing ground and the idea of the necessity of negotiating differences with the Soviet Union is growing.**

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"The popular upsurge against McCarthyism is developing. New surges of militancy are taking place among the workers for their economic needs, as seen in the recent longshore and milk driver's strikes. The people, fearing an oncoming economic crisis, were aroused by the militant march on Washington of small farmers who face crisis factors in the countryside. The struggle for Negro representation and for Puerto Rican representation has made new advances. The mainfeature of the present situation is the growing trend toward labor unity.

"The changing political temper of the masses creates the possibility that a new relationship can be established today between the Party and the masses. This was proven in the splendid Blake petition campaign carried out by our Party members when the masses responded with almost 10,000 signatures in two weeks.

"To realize these new opportunities and to prevent the new political situation from being misdirected or cancelled out, the Party must play a more decisive role especially in industry. Key is the building of the shop club. Party members must become rooted in the peoples' organizations in the community.

"Every club of the Party needs guidance on where it is going in this period and what its members can do to meet the new opportunities created by the wide upsurge of the masses against the policies of the Eisenhower administration. Such club discussions should be based upon the Steven's report. The Party club must become the center for building the united front among the masses.

### Build the Party!

"Today when the ruling class is trying to destroy our Party and intimidate its members, the membership of anyone in the Party is in and of itself an enduring act of the highest quality for the cause of the working class, the Negro people and for Socialism. Therefore, in seeking a complete and speedy registration, we must approach people as our most valuable capital and wage an ideological struggle for the retention of every member.

"We can take pride in the fact that despite vicious fascist attacks and harassment, our Party membership and our leadership have emerged steadfast and devoted to working class principles and we are becoming steeled in the struggle. It is the highest honor to be a party member today.



"Today is a period far different from two or three years ago when our Party stood almost alone and isolated in the struggle for peace and against McCarthyism. Today millions are joining in these struggles in which our Party played its vanguard role. Hundreds can be recruited from among these people as well as from new contacts made in the mass work of our comrades in the unions and in the movements everywhere.

"There is an urgent need to build our Party. We must overcome all moods that led in the past to the retrenchment of Party activities. What a profound political event it would be if every club of the Party could emerge in the next few months larger than last year! What a blow to McCarthyism this would be!

"Let each club draw up a complete list of its contacts, of workers in the shop, of Negro and Puerto Rican workers, youth, women, former members, and from these, recruit modest goals.

"Wall Street is preparing new blows to shackle the upsurge of labor, new blows against our Party. Labor, the poor farmers, the Negro people and our Party must increase its vigilance against these new McCarthyite attacks and unitedly defeat them.

"We enter the year 1954 with confidence in our class and its fighting and militant traditions, with confidence in our Party under the leadership of Comrade Foster. The working class of our nation, the people of our country need the contributions and leadership that only our Party can give to steer a firm course on the road to peace, democracy, freedom and economic security.

"Comradely yours,

"N. Y. STATE COMMITTEE

"November, 1953"

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (140-1530)

DATE: December 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (140-1357)

SUBJECT: THEODORE LIT, aka.  
 Ted, Theodore Litinsky,  
 Paul Loder  
 Chief of Central and East Europe Section  
 Division of Foreign Labor Control  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 Department of Labor  
 SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

On November 19, 1953, Mr. F. J. BAUMGARDNER, of the Bureau called WFO and advised that LIT, an employee of the United States Department of Labor, had visited the Bureau where, following an interview, he dictated a signed statement of approximately twenty pages incorporating his CP activities in the past. He was questioned as to whether he would name other persons known to him as active in the Communist field. He stated he wanted to think this matter over but subsequently indicated he was willing to name such persons.

On November 20, 1953, LIT appeared at WFO by prior arrangements. LIT was advised that any information he desired to give was purely voluntary; that the interview was in no way an inquisition; and

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- 1 - (100-6380)
- 1 - (100-4013)
- 1 - (100-80638)

1 WFO 100-20524 (PERLO)

1 WFO 65-6599

1 WFO 121-24373

1 WFO 100-13804 (HYRAM MALIKIN)

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that the Bureau made no "deals" in return for information. LIT stated that he understood and requested that the information furnished by him be kept confidential.

LIT was born October 11, 1910, in Vienna, Austria and came to the United States when nine months old. He spent practically all his life up to 1942 in New York City. He attended the City College of New York from 1927 to 1934. During this time he sympathized generally with the aims of the CP but never joined the CP, the YCL, or any captive organization of the CP. After college, he became a teacher in a WPA project in New York City and about the end of 1935 or the beginning of 1936 he joined the CP. His party name was PAUL LODER. Some time near the end of the Spanish War, LIT decided that the CP had betrayed the so-called Communist Ideal and was expelled from the Party as a counter-revolutionary Trotskyite. He did not recall the name of the man who presided over his expulsion trial but recalled that the man was not in the WPA fraction of the CP but was from the New York City or New York State CP Organization. After about an eight-month period, LIT joined the Trotskyite Party, also known as the Socialist Workers Party. After Russia attacked Finland in the fall of 1939, the Socialist Workers Party split; the majority group following TROTSKY when he called for "unconditional defense of the Soviet Union on the grounds that Russia was basically a worker's state although terribly deformed". LIT joined the minority group which opposed TROTSKY and which bolted from the SWP to form the so-called Worker's Party in approximately the spring of 1940. After some months in the newly formed Worker's Party, LIT claims he severed his connections with this Party too and claims to have fought Communism in all its forms and artifices since that time.

LIT furnished the following information concerning persons known to him, some of whom he knew to be members of the CP, the SWP, or the Worker's Party, to SAs C. EDWIN GLASS, Jr. and HAROLD L. HOLT.

[redacted]

From 1943 to 1945, LIT rode in a car pool with [redacted] VICTOR PERLO, GERTRUDE LIT, and another person named [redacted]. LIT stated that [redacted] did not share the ideas of [redacted] and PERLO and had at one time worked for the War Production Board and the Census Bureau. LIT noticed that [redacted] more or less shared the same opinions as VICTOR PERLO and was a personal friend of PERLO. He stated that at least on the level of conversation PERLO and [redacted] agreed and he added that [redacted] wife

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also shared the views of PERLO and [ ] LIT stated that [ ] worked for the Foreign Economic Administration and then with the Office of Price Administration. He stated that he later was hired as an Economist in Austria by the United States Military Service. LIT recalled that [ ] was investigated by the FBI and LIT's wife was interviewed. He recalled that [ ] got the job for which he was investigated. In LIT's work at the Department of Labor after 1946, he sporadically saw reports by [ ] from Austria which he described as "not slanted" toward Communism. LIT has also heard reports from a person who worked with [ ] in Austria that [ ] seemed alright.

#### VICTOR PERLO

During the time LIT rode in the car pool with PERLO, he stated that it was unmistakable to him that PERLO was a "fellow traveller". LIT could not recall the details of any of his conversations with PERLO but stated that he formed his opinions of PERLO from the tenor of those conversations.

#### MAX HAMMER

According to LIT, HAMMER was a CP member about the time LIT joined the Party and to LIT's knowledge, still is. LIT has never heard that MAX HAMMER broke with the CP and since they come from the same neighborhood LIT believes that he would have heard of the break when he visited the neighborhood. LIT stated that he saw HAMMER at CP meetings, these meetings being of the mass meeting type. According to LIT HAMMER was a teacher in the New York Schools at night about four years ago. He comes from the lower Bronx and was a violinist. LIT and HAMMER played together in a small dance band and were friends for a long time. LIT described HAMMER as 5'10", fat, wore glasses, brown eyes, ruddy cheeks, sober habits, shy, timid, and basically nervous. He estimated HAMMER was born about 1915 and described him as a German Major at CCNY from which he graduated. He stated that MAX has a little girl.

#### JEAN HAMMER

MAX's wife and a CP member as well. LIT described her as active in the CP. When asked how he knew JEAN was an active member of the CP, LIT stated that when you're in the CP and your friends are, too, you are soon aware of the fact that they are. In this case, he thought that JEAN HAMMER must have referred to her CP membership in LIT's presence. He stated he was not in the same unit and that he never saw her card.

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HAMMER's brother-in-law. [redacted] LIT is about 98 per cent sure that [redacted] was a CP member. During the time that LIT was breaking with the Party, [redacted] was stubbornly pro-Communist in conversations with LIT. LIT described [redacted] as [redacted] about [redacted] years old now, 5'9", slim, brown eyes, clever, and a "wise aleck".

EDWARD EZEKIEL MALKIN,  
aka. "ZACK", "ZACKY"

MALKIN joined the CP when LIT did and was expelled when LIT was expelled. LIT thought MALKIN's break was clean, complete, and definitive and since MALKIN's break has heard nothing to indicate that MALKIN is anything but anti-Communist. He described MALKIN as a newspaper man who used to work on the WPA Writers Project and now works somewhere in the Midwest on a newspaper. LIT stated that RALPH DE SOLA was MALKIN's boss and that RALPH and MALKIN broke with the Party at the same time. At one time, MALKIN worked for the "World Tribune" in New York City. LIT has had no personal relationships with MALKIN for the last ten years but from what he has heard, believes that MALKIN's break with the CP is continuing.

RUTH LIT  
nee KRIMSKY

RUTH is LIT's former wife who has remarried and is now RUTH VAN NAAMEN (phonetic). LIT stated that RUTH reportedly now lives in Washington, D. C. and has done so for the past two or three months. She is a housewife. Her husband is an expert on piano and a craftsman in piano work. RUTH is a pianist. RUTH joined the CP when LIT did and quit when he did. He described her as basically non-political and one who joined only because he did. Her Party name was RUTH BARLOW. LIT stated that to his knowledge RUTH never took a step back in the direction of Communism after she quit.

The files of this Office have been checked and no record could be found concerning RUTH VAN NAAMEN, RUTH LIT, or RUTH KRIMSKY or RUTH BARLOW.

[redacted] was a Trotskyite with LIT before the SWP and the Workers Party split. When most of the Trotskyites were supporting TROTSKY's call for the unconditional defense of the Soviet Union, [redacted] came out fairly early with the statement that the USSR was not a workers state. As a matter of fact, LIT stated that [redacted] may have expressed the opinion that Russia was not a workers state even before the Russian-Finnish War. LIT described [redacted] as a short, dapper person who did not look like a revolutionary.

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LIT also knew [redacted] to be a Trotskyite in New York City. He described [redacted] of the [redacted]. LIT stated that [redacted] took a strong anti-Soviet position in the controversy following the Russian-Finnish War.

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Generally known as [redacted] LIT knew [redacted] as a Trotskyite in New York City but has heard that [redacted] had broken with SWP. LIT did not know [redacted] too well and does not recall what [redacted] did when the SWP and the Workers Party split.

The files of this Office reflect that New York File 100-60062 pertains to [redacted] believed to be identical with [redacted]

[redacted] lives in Washington, D. C. When LIT came to Washington, D. C., he was hanging around the CSC where he met a girl who worked there and whom he had taught in New York City. This former student invited LIT to her house where she met [redacted] is [redacted] and LIT had met him briefly in New York City. [redacted] told LIT that [redacted] had completely broken with the SWP and had gone to the FBI in New York when he broke. LIT stated that [redacted] had worked for VICTOR PERLO at the [redacted]. Recently, in a talk with LIT, following the recent publicity in the newspapers concerning PERLO, [redacted] had told LIT that he never suspected PERLO while he worked for him until LIT told [redacted] about LIT's conversations with PERLO in the car pool. LIT stated that [redacted] formerly worked for the [redacted] and had gone to the FBI with some information

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concerning the International Monetary Fund. He stated that [ ] is a [ ] of some kind now.

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[ ] is the subject of WFO File 121-24373. He contacted this Office 11-9-53 and was interviewed 11-10-53 giving information concerning VICTOR PERLO and how PERLO had helped [ ] get a job with the International Monetary Fund.

ALBERT PRAGO (phonetic)

LIT stated that this person was on the WPA Teachers Project in New York City and was a CP member. LIT met him when LIT was also on the Teachers Project and when LIT joined the Party. LIT saw PRAGO at CP fraction meetings and probably mass meetings of the CP. LIT stated that he is quite sure that PRAGO later went to Spain during the Civil War. He described PRAGO as 5'11", blond curly hair, blue eyes, prominent aquiline nose, ear slightly deformed (bent over). LIT described PRAGO as about six years younger than LIT.

[ ]  
LIT was not sure of this name but he stated that while he was on the WPA Teachers Project he was on remedial reading project at a junior high school in New York City where he met [ ] who was a Negro. LIT was out of the CP at the time and thought that it may have been before he joined the SWP. LIT stated that [ ] was bitter, nasty, antagonistic, surly, and dissatisfied. He described [ ] as a pseudo-intellectual Communist. LIT stated that [ ] knew that LIT was Persona Non Grata with the CP and LIT was pretty sure that [ ] was a Communist. LIT thought that the junior high school was located at 500 Park Avenue. As he recalled, he corrected and correlated the results of reading tests and he recalled that [ ] worked in the office with him.

MAURICE SPECTOR

A well-known Trotskyite and a member of the Central Committee of the SWP. LIT recalled that SPECTOR gave a speech during the SWP polemics following the Russian-Finnish War, during which speech SPECTOR defended Russia as a workers state. LIT saw SPECTOR later after he had heard SPECTOR had broken with the SWP and asked SPECTOR about this speech. SPECTOR told LIT that he, SPECTOR, was torn with doubts concerning this

speech but mentioned that when you are in politics, you some time have to say things you actually don't believe.

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LIT described this man as a Trotskyite while LIT was in the CP. LIT thought [redacted] must have heard that he, LIT, was breaking, because he occasionally talked to LIT about the time LIT broke with the CP. LIT thinks that [redacted] was on the WPA Project for Workers Education or something like that. LIT and [redacted] discussed Stalinism and [redacted] invited LIT to join [redacted] in the Trotskyite section within the Socialist Party. LIT refused to do this because he felt that the CP had betrayed the so-called Communist ideal and that the Socialist Party had as well. LIT stated that [redacted] pulled out of the Socialist Party and was in the SWP when LIT joined. To LIT's recollection, [redacted] stayed with the majority who supported the USSR as a workers state at the time of the SWP split. LIT described [redacted] as 5'9", wore thin glasses, and had eyes which were close together.

[redacted] or [redacted]

LIT was not sure of this last name but thought that it was the name. LIT met [redacted] when LIT entered the Trotskyites. He described him as about [redacted] years old now. LIT met [redacted] in Washington, D. C. about two or three years ago and thinks that [redacted] said that he was employed with the State Department. LIT described [redacted] as an anti-Stalinist but as not sure if [redacted] ever broke with Trotskyism. As LIT recalled, he wondered, upon meeting [redacted] in Washington, D. C., whether [redacted] had broken with Trotskyism. LIT asked [redacted] in an oblique way if he had broken and got an answer which to LIT did not indicate that [redacted] had made a clean and unequivocal break with TROTSKY. LIT described SACHS as 5'8", fat, sloppy, very articulate, clever, blondish hair, slightly balding, about [redacted] or [redacted] years old, and LIT thought [redacted] bites his nails. LIT did not know [redacted] field but thought [redacted] attended CCNY. He stated that [redacted] could have broken with Trotskyism but that [redacted] was a known Trotskyite in New York City when LIT knew him. LIT was of the opinion that [redacted] has left Washington, D. C. because he felt that if [redacted] was still with the State Department, LIT would have met him.

The files of this Office were checked and no one who could be identified with [redacted] was found; however, one possibility exists that LIT was referring to [redacted] subject of the file entitled

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[redacted] A photograph of [redacted] is being obtained from [redacted]



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his passport file and it is planned that this photograph will be exhibited to LIT. If [ ] is identified by LIT as the person to whom he referred, a report on [ ] case will be submitted.

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[ ] File Room, Office of Personnel, Department of State, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER of this Office, on November 30, 1953, that the records of her office contain no information concerning any male employee named [ ] or [ ] as an active employee either in the Foreign Service or the Departmental Service of the State Department. She located a microfilm record which showed that one DAVID C. SACHS was separated on April 2, 1946 from his position as Legal Advisor on Labor, Italian Mission, Field Service, Foreign Economic Administration, Rome, Italy, after having been on leave without pay since March 1, 1946. SACHS' address was given as 309 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia. SACHS' date of birth was not distinct on the microfilm but appeared to be January 27, 1909. SACHS transferred to NLRB after he left the Department of State.

[ ] Known to LIT as a Trotskyite in New York City. He thought [ ] was the son of [ ] LIT described [ ] as a young, nice looking, well-spoken man who was strongly anti Russia before the split between the SWP and the WP. LIT thought that [ ] either went with the minority into the Workers' Party after the split or may have even left the Trotskyite movement at the time of the split.

[ ] (phonetic)

Known to LIT as a CP member in New York City. When LIT was expelled from the CP, he tried to take other expulsions with him and [ ] was one who was expelled with LIT. However, [ ] had some doubts and his opinions on the CP had not hardened as LIT's had. LIT later heard through the grapevine that [ ] was sorry about his expulsion. As LIT put it, [ ] was dragged out of the Party while LIT jumped out and LIT thought it possible that [ ] may have returned.

ROSE SMOLINS

This person is the aunt of LIT's present wife, being the sister of GERTRUDE LIT's mother. She lives on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. LIT does not know if ROSE is a CP member but advised that she certainly

is a Party Liner from A to Z. ROSE is in the hardware business in New York. LIT claims he was an anti-Communist when he met ROSE and felt that she would not have told him if she were a CP member. LIT stated that his wife GERTRUDE was never a Communist and like her mother does not get along with ROSE.

RITA SMOLENS

The daughter of ROSE who lives with ROSE. RITA at one time worked for the War Labor Board in Washington, D. C. during the time LIT did. She returned to New York City when the WLB folded and got a job as a teacher teaching at night which job she has since given up. LIT's suspicions concerning RITA SMOLENS being pro-Communist stemmed from the fact that she was on friendly terms with one ALFRED BOOTH (now deceased) who worked in the War Labor Board and who LIT is quite sure was a Communist. LIT's knowledge concerning BOOTH's being a Communist comes from the fact that while in Germany for the Nurenberg Trials BOOTH collaborated with German Communists. LIT stated that BOOTH died in Germany.

HARRY SMOLENS

RITA's brother. LIT states that HARRY is not as fanatical on Communism as ROSE and RITA. He feels that HARRY was dragged into Communism while RITA and ROSE are running into it. He recalled that RUBEN SMOLENS, ROSE's husband, died about a year ago and was given a very demonstrative funeral by his friends in the IWO. Further, LIT recalled that about two years ago, following the death of GERTRUDE's father, GERTRUDE's mother went to her sister's (ROSE SMOLENS' ) house for a week of mourning. When her friends would visit ROSE's house to offer condolences, ROSE passed out Stockholm peace petitions to be signed. LIT stated he has never heard ROSE criticize Russia; has found that she always follows the Party Line.

PHIL HADDOCK or HADOCK

LIT thinks PHIL changed his name at one point to HAYDOCK. LIT recruited PHIL into the Party around 1935, 1936, or 1937. He was a student of LIT when LIT was teaching at the WPA. LIT described PHIL as a clean-cut boy. LIT had a few talks with PHIL and after about five conversations with him PHIL joined the CP. He understood very quickly, got the point, and had the courage to act immediately and joined the Party. He went to Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. LIT does not know where he is now. His last contact with PHIL being during the Civil

War in Spain. LIT had been expelled from the CP when he wrote to PHIL in Spain telling him that LIT had changed. PHIL answered LIT's letter but said he would shoot him right between the eyes if he could see him. LIT thinks he ran into PHIL after PHIL came back and he believes that PHIL told him that he had gotten married. LIT described PHIL as 5'8", Blue eyes, black hair, wears glasses, very light complexion, a nice sensitive face, inclined to be somewhat nervous and fidgety, 160 lbs., about thirty to thirty-five years old now, likes to sing English folk songs, and was a white-collar worker when LIT last knew him. LIT stated that PHIL came from New Jersey but LIT met him in New York and last saw him in New York.

HYMAN MALIKIN

According to LIT, this man was sent by the American CP around 1931 or 1932 to Moscow for a course in special training, type not known. On his way back, he passed through Germany and picked up as a souvenir a Party uniform worn by the Red Front Fighters. He showed LIT this uniform. BEN HARPER was one of his Party names. He is a printer by trade and for a time was employed by a Washington newspaper. LIT met him on the street in Washington, D. C. about three or four years ago and had hopes that possibly he had broken from the Party. He invited LIT to his home and after about a half hour conversation LIT came to the realization that MALIKIN had not changed. According to LIT, MALIKIN once worked as a Party Functionary among the New Orleans seamen sometime between his return from Moscow and his work here in Washington. For long periods of his career, he was a professional revolutionary. After that he learned the printing trade. LIT last saw him about two or three years ago and from a brief conversation with him on the street it became clear that he had not broken with the CP. LIT described him as about 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 8", dark complexion, large dark eyes, black hair, soft spoken, forty-three or forty-four years old, married with one girl; slim build, about 160 lbs., went to CCNY for about one year, has regular features and a narrow face.

LIT first met MALIKIN in approximately 1926 and lived in the same neighborhood. MALIKIN's father had a candy store on 141st Street between St. Ann's Avenue and Beekman Avenue. This store was opposite a house at 494 East 141st Street. Occasionally LIT went to Young Communist League dances with MALIKIN around 1932 in the Bronx. LIT stated that MALIKIN would disappear for months at a time on Party business. He knew MALIKIN was on Party business because MALIKIN would mention to LIT that he was going somewhere on Party business. Around 1934, LIT lost contact with MALIKIN when LIT moved out of that neighborhood until LIT met MALIKIN

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again in Washington. He recalled that MALIKIN had a brother DAVID who also was in the Young Communist League and who worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. LIT heard DAVID was found out and fired. He has seen nothing of DAVID since 1934. MALIKIN

For the information of the Bureau and New York, HYMAN MALIKIN is an SI subject in this Office. In this instance, which is the only instance in which WFO can check on the information given by LIT, the information has been found to be very accurate. His knowledge of MALIKIN's Party name and other things concerning MALIKIN indicate that in this instance he is telling a truthful and accurate story.

WFO plans no further interviews with LIT in view of the fact that he is the subject of a full field SGE investigation. However, if he voluntarily offers any further information, this information will be taken.

If the Bureau interposes no objections, LIT will be shown a photograph of [ ] to ascertain if [ ] is the person LIT referred to as a Trotskyite. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau by December 21, 1953, LIT will be contacted to view this photograph of [ ] after that date.

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Other than the above, no further investigation is planned by this Office concerning LIT's information.

This information is being furnished for the information of the New York Office, and for any investigation deemed advisable by that Office.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 12/16/53

FROM : JOHN W. DOOLEY, SA (100-26603-C1755)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT #2  
New York Division  
IS - C  
(Boulevard Section)

Attached hereto is a copy of a report of [redacted] of known reliability, dated [redacted]. The original report was furnished to SA JOHN W. DOOLEY on 11/27/53. In this report, informant discussed the current CP registration drive in his Section.

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The information contained in this report should not be disseminated outside the Bureau unless it is paraphrased to protect the informant.

The original report is filed as serial [redacted] of [redacted]

1- [redacted]  
1-NY 100-68378  
1-NY 100-114251  
1-NY 100-97792  
1-NY 100-83968  
1-NY 100-67838  
1-NY 100-65923  
1-NY 100-  
1-NY 100-74277  
1-NY 100-74278  
1-NY 100-83666  
1-NY 100-  
1-NY 100-72616  
✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (CP - Membership)  
1-NY 100-58063  
1-NY 100-102789 (American Peace Crusade)  
1-NY 100-106843 [redacted]

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To register a person for 1954 it was necessary to have them pay their dues thru Sept. 1953 plus an assessment of one months dues.

[redacted] asked [redacted] as soon as possible and then to bring the required information to her as soon as possible.

[redacted] also gave me a registration blank, a mimographed sheet measuring 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and 11" long, at the top left, "Br. - Sec. B.E.B." was marked. Along the left hand side there were numbers from 1 to 10, across the top in separate boxes as follows, M. F. age. Length of time, National Composition, Occupation, Mass Org. (Now) Trade Union, (Full Name Local & Int. - Now) Spec. quest. this meant if you were visited by F.B.I. or not. On the top right a number Y No. 126, bottom right No. 126, bottom left. Br # \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

As we were discussing registrations [redacted] came in and asked me how I was and sat down.

[redacted] gave [redacted] tickets for a mass meeting, [redacted] to be held on [redacted] afternoon [redacted]

I was to ask those people whom I visited to take one, it was very important that we have a large attendance at this affair.

[redacted] also told me that we would hold a meeting  
next [redacted] she would let me know when and where.

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Since we lost a few club leaders [redacted]  
moved to the [redacted] is not with us  
anymore, there is one club, [redacted] which we have to place  
in other clubs, [redacted] is going to ask [redacted] if he will accept  
responsibility even though is constantly in and out of town  
on business.

We now have [redacted] clubs, I believe, so if we place  
[redacted] group one in each club we will have [redacted] and [redacted] can  
take care of one.

If this is done each club will have about [redacted]  
people in it, not too many for one person to handle, but if  
they meet regularly we can gain by this change.

## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

DATE: 12/17/53

On 12/4/53, [ ] furnished to the writer copies of the 1954 CP registration for the following [ ] CP Section members:

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The informant advised [ ] the registration forms for the above persons prior to the time they were put in a white envelope, sealed and immediately delivered to [ ] Prior to the delivery he was able to copy the information on the slips.

The following columns are set forth on the registration forms:

- Column #1 Club -- CA, German-American CP Club
- #2 Section -- Maspeth
- #3 Male
- #4 Female
- #5 Age
- #6 Time in CP
- #7 Nationality
- #8 Present Occupation
- #9 Present Union Affiliation

1 - [ ]  
 1 - 100-76445 [ ]  
 1 - 100-90653 [ ]  
 1 - 100-98940 [ ]  
 1 - 100-100921 [ ]  
 1 - 100-26603-C41 (QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
 1 - 100-26603-C1445 (MASPETH SECTION)  
 1 - 100-77925 [ ]

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Column #10 Mass Organization  
#11 Reflects whether or not the comrade  
was visited by the FBI

The last column contains the name of the comrade set forth by the informant for identification purposes. The name is not set forth on the original registration form.

On the reverse side of the registration form answers to the following questions are set forth:

Column #1 Has the comrade participated in industrial concentration and colonization discussions.  
#2 Former Union affiliations.  
#3 Former occupation.  
#4 Is comrade's house available for use by CP.

It should be noted that after each comrade is registered his individual registration form is detached from the general registration form and sealed in a white envelope and immediately turned over to [redacted] a Regional Financial Director in the Queens County CP.

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1. Informant reported [redacted] registered [redacted]  
[redacted] registered [redacted]  
also registered [redacted]

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2. The informant reported [redacted]

The registration form submitted by the informant is maintained as exhibit [redacted]

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Care should be taken to paraphrase the above info if it is used in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau to protect the identity of the informant.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-C41)

SUBJECT : CP, USA  
DISTRICT # 2  
(QUEENS CO. CP)  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
IS-C

DATE: 12/18/53

Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated 11/24/53 furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 11/27/53.

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The informant reported he attended a [redacted]  
at [redacted]

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Informant reported he was introduced to a [redacted]  
[redacted] last name unknown.

Details concerning the [redacted] are set forth.

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- 1- [redacted]
- 1- 100-77507 [redacted]
- 1- 100-82711 [redacted]
- 1- 100-74560 (CP, USA-FUNDS)
- 1- 100-77925 [redacted]
- 1- 100- [redacted]
- 1- 100-26603-C1445 (Maspeth CP Section)
- 1- 100- [redacted] (Ozone Park CP Section)
- 1- 100-26603-C1527 (Flushing CP Section)
- 1- 100-26603-C358 (Jamaica CP Section)
- 1- 100-26603 (CP, USA Dist, #2)
- 1- 100-81338 (CP, USA Security measures)
- 1- 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership)
- 1- 100-87211 (CP, USA Factionalism)
- 1- 100-11474 [redacted]
- 1- 100-80211 [redacted]

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(Subject Communism)

This evening I drove to the Howard Johnson restaurant parking lot located on Queens Blvd. Elmhurst L.I.

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A new section financial director who [redacted] introduced as [redacted] was allready waiting at [redacted] home. Before accepting the financial reports [redacted] reported that the our region has been divided into two regions and that now we have 4 sections in our region instead of the 9, and that they are, Maspeth, Ozone Pk., Flushing and Jamaica. [redacted] then stated that it is getting more difficult each week to find a home whare we can hold our station for that reason we would have to do the same as the State and county C.P. leaders are doing, and that is to personally visit homes of comrades and find out which are avalable for stations. Adding that there has been a new title added to the section financial director and that is activities director, so as activity director we each must visit homes of comrades to see which are avalable for financial stations.

[redacted] then passed out a two page Mimographed copy of report by the N.Y. state committee on importance of party membership registration dated Nov, 1953 which is to be read at all party club meetings by club organizer as soon as possible.

[redacted] than gave, [redacted] and [redacted] a 11 page Mimographed copy, which is entitled 'Explanation of The Constitution of the C.P. U.S.A. on Disciplinary Procedure, prepared by:-New York State Review Commission.

[redacted] gave instructions that this was for our own study and its to remain in our possession at all time she also wrote a no. with pencil on each of the three copies and made a notation in small book as to who feceived a copy.

[redacted] and [redacted] did not receive a copy of the 11 page document.

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[redacted] and [redacted] came to the station at about [redacted] than took one at a time into kitchen where she took the report, which consisted of dues turned in, Registrations, and sustaining fund.

[redacted] was told to find a home for a station for next week.

I left at [redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

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DATE: 12/18/53

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-26603-c41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
District #2  
New York Division  
(Queens CP)  
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Attached hereto is a copy of a report dated 11/19/53  
furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 11/27/53. ~~(U)~~

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Informant reported he attended an [redacted]  
CP Section meeting on [redacted] and set forth the agenda  
for this meeting. ~~(U)~~

Informant also identified those present at the  
meeting. ~~(U)~~

The original report is maintained as serial [redacted]  
of [redacted] ~~(U)~~

1-NY [redacted]  
1-NY 100-26603-G1115 (MASPETH CP SECTION)  
1-NY 100-115281 [redacted]  
1-NY 100-108503 [redacted]  
1-NY 100-110904 [redacted]  
1-NY 100-88084 [redacted]  
1-NY 100-108771 [redacted]  
1-NY 100-93861 [redacted]  
✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)  
1-NY 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)  
1-NY 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
1-NY 100-8522 (ALP)  
1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITY)  
1-NY 100-102697 (COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS)  
1-NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)  
1-NY 100-8599 [redacted]

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Thurs., Nov. 19-53  
(Subject Communism)

This evening I attended an enlarged C.P. [redacted]  
section staff meeting which was held at home of [redacted]  
[redacted]

C.P. members present were [redacted]  
[redacted]

Points on the agenda were Registration, Dues, A.L.P.  
C.P. Press, and financial report.

[redacted] stated that Party registration this year is more important than ever because there now will be a close check on members in regard to what kind of work they are capable of doing in order that the party can shift them to factions where they can do the party most good. Also that members must be kept up to date with their dues and sustaining fund payments. (U) ~~C~~

On the A.L.P. [redacted] stated that a lot of C.P. members who have been absorbed in their A.L.P. work and failed to attend C.P. meetings in order to fully understand the role of the Party, got the impression that the C.P. was trying to wreck the A.L.P. adding that the election results will show that the A.L.P. did not lose a single vote, also that according to C.P. policy in effect now to work within the Democrat party in the long run the A.L.P. and the working class will benefit greatly. Also that the C.P. policy has always been to work in organizations where the majority of the people are and over the past several years the A.L.P. has been sliding back instead of going forward adding that we still must support the A.L.P. as much as possible because of all the red baiting. At the same time those of the C.P. who registered Democrat will be expected to work within the democrat clubs.

[redacted] was next with a report on the C.P. press. He stated that each section has been given a quota to raise \$50.00 as soon as possible for the Worker & the Daily Worker in order to meet the cost of publishing the paper.

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From among the 7 C.P. members \$28.00 was collected. [redacted] gave \$10.00, [redacted] gave \$5.00, [redacted] gave \$5.00. The others, [redacted] and [redacted] gave \$2.00 each. Then \$22.00 was taken out, of the section treasury which completed the total of \$50.00 leaving \$1.00 in the treasury.

[redacted] promised to deliver the \$50.00 tomorrow direct to the Daily Worker office.

It was decided to not hold a meeting next week because of the holiday.

[redacted] gave a brief report on industrial concentration work stating that so far he and [redacted] have talked to 7 Phelps Dodge workers and found out as to the method the Co. uses in hiring and firing, also in regard to speedup, and general disregard for safety. Adding that so far only one a young negro worker has been approached to the extent that he will accept progressive literature and first piece of literature to be handed him at next time will meet is a book entitled The Truth About Trade Unions by Leo Hubberman.

[redacted] stated that soon we would hold a meeting on industrial concentration than from all reports we would plan our work further.

The meeting ajourned at [redacted]

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